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CALL HIM "CITIZEN TONY": Antonio "Tony" Russo (center), owner of Giovanni's Italian Pastry and Coffee Shop, was recently sworn in as a full-fledged United States citizen. Pictured with Russo are Mayor Richard Cohen (left) and Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux (right). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Pastry Shop Owner Becomes A U.S. Citizen

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Giovanni's Italian Pastry and Coffee Shop owner Antonio "Tony" Russo has come a long way from his home in the Italian city of Bracigliano (outside of Naples) - a long way geographically, a long way in his career, and a long way in the naturalization process, which recently resulted in his being sworn in as a full-fledged United States citizen.

Tony came to America in 1986 and stayed with his sister, who lived, at that time, in Springfield. Since then, he has settled in Agawam. He met Teresa, a former East Longmeadow resident, in 1991 and they were married in 1995. Teresa's forebearers were from Reggio of Calabria, which, coincidentally, has since become Agawam's sister city.

The Russos have two children; Giovanni, who is three years-old, and Adele, nine months. Adele was born on the Fourth of July, a fitting harbinger of her father's soon-to-be citizenship. "Our children are named after Tony's parents," Teresa explained. "Adele Russo is his mother's name and Giovanni is his father's."

Tony is overjoyed to be a United States citizen. "I always wanted to become a citizen, but working full-time made it hard to find time. I had some time off and took advantage of it. Friends and family have been very helpful."

Teresa told us, "We filled out the forms through the Italian Consulate, Mr. Joe Polimeni. There was information and guidance through U.S. Representative Richard Neal's office and other papers that explained the process. We all went with Tony for his first trip to Boston. He was tested on aspects of U.S. history, procedures, and branches of Massachusetts government, important dates, and things of that sort."

Tony went alone for the second trip to Boston on Thursday, April 13th. He proceeded to the John F. Kennedy Federal Building, where, with about 480 other people, he "pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America in the presence of a female judge with long white hair."

A Very Special Day

On that special day, Tony received his Certificate of Citizenship and a Pledge of Allegiance card. "Today marks the greatest day in my life, becoming a citizen of this great United States, I pledge my loyalty; and may every act or word of mine be one of praise and thanksgiving for the privileges which are mine as one of its citizens." The card is sponsored by the Massachusetts American Legion Auxiliary.

All new citizens receive a letter from President Bill Clinton congratulating them on "reaching the impressive milestone of becoming a citizen of our great nation. As you enjoy the benefits of American citizenship and assume the responsibilities that accompany it, you follow many brave men and women who have sacrificed to establish and preserve our democracy over the last two centuries."

The letter continues with words of praise, encouragement, and appreciation for our great United States, "a land of unparalleled natural beauty, vast opportunity, and freedom. It is home to people who have been drawn to our shores from all over the world and who share a common love for life and liberty."

SEE NEW U.S. CITIZEN - Page 2...

Playing On The New Playscape...



YOUNGSTERS AND THE YOUNG-AT-HEART are truly impressed with the new playscape from the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department. The playscape is located at the Agawam Early Childhood Center at Perry Lane Park. Back row: Christopher Rumpalik, Mayor Richard Cohen, Peter Ollari (who was coached in hockey by Cohen), and Beth Ceccarini. Front row (ready to try out the slide): Joe, Nick, and Sammy Ceccarini. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

NEW U.S. CITIZEN - from Page 1...

Tony's father, mother, and brother, Bruno, help the couple with the demands of the popular bakery at 719 Main Street, Agawam Center, which opened in December 1997. The bilingual Teresa translated our question to Mama: "How do you feel about Tony becoming a United States citizen?"

Mama's Italian response was translated back: "I am very proud of him."

Tony and Teresa Russo have much to be proud of. Giovanni's Italian Pastry and Coffee Shop, which specializes in pastry and custom cakes, is an ideal place to convene for social or business reasons. The coffee is superb, and delectable confections, cookie trays, and other agreeable fare combine with the convenient location, contributing to the success of Giovanni's.

More than the mouth-watering pastries, the Russo's hospitality puts people at ease and makes them feel at home and welcome. Tony has honored us by working hard to become a citizen. The United States happily welcomes him, and Agawam residents congratulate him for his accomplishments.

Two workers also pitch in to keep Antonio's bakery running right. Cori and Sarah have been helping the Russo family, and Sarah summed up her feelings: "The food's delicious and the people are great."

Erik and Barb Anderson of Agawam visit Antonio's a few times a month. Eric said they order cookies and pastries for the holidays. "It's very homey, family-oriented, and friendly, and the food is excellent."

Mayor Richard Cohen will sometimes meet his friends and family at Giovanni's Pastry Shop and is most enthusiastic about the people and the place.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

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"CONGRATULATIONS, TONY!!!": Antonio "Tony" Russo (left), a newly sworn-in United States citizen, shakes hands with Mayor Richard Cohen. Russo is the owner of Giovanni's Italian Pastry and Coffee Shop, located at 719 Main Street, Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship Comm. Seeking Funds For AHS Seniors

The R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship Committee is seeking funds to provide scholarships for Agawam High School seniors interested in furthering their education in the field of criminal justice.

Chief R. Kenneth Grady was a member of the Agawam Police Department for 39 years, starting as a patrolman and moving up the ranks to police

chief, retiring in 1975. Chief Grady was active in many Agawam organizations, pioneering the Agawam Retired Employees Association. He passed away in January.

Any donation to further this cause would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to the Chief R. Grady Memorial Fund, c/o Westfield Bank, 655 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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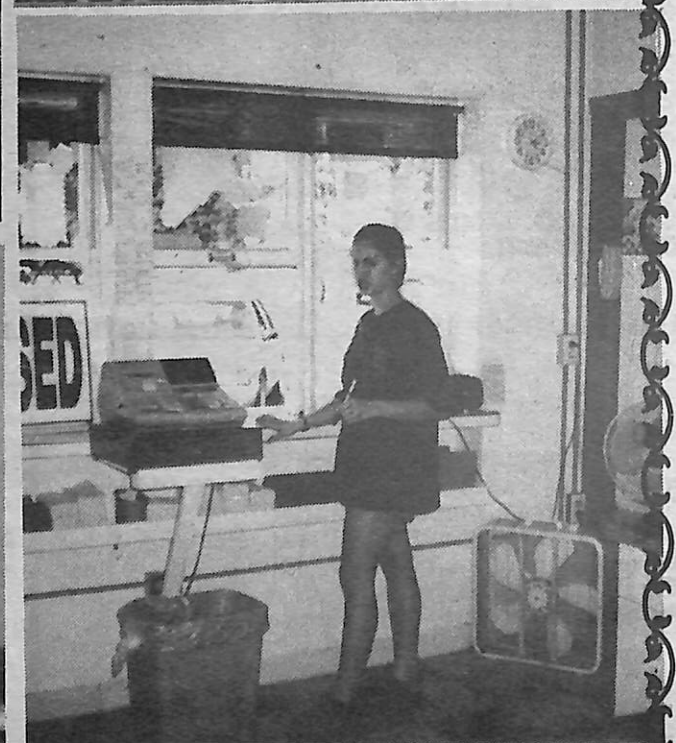
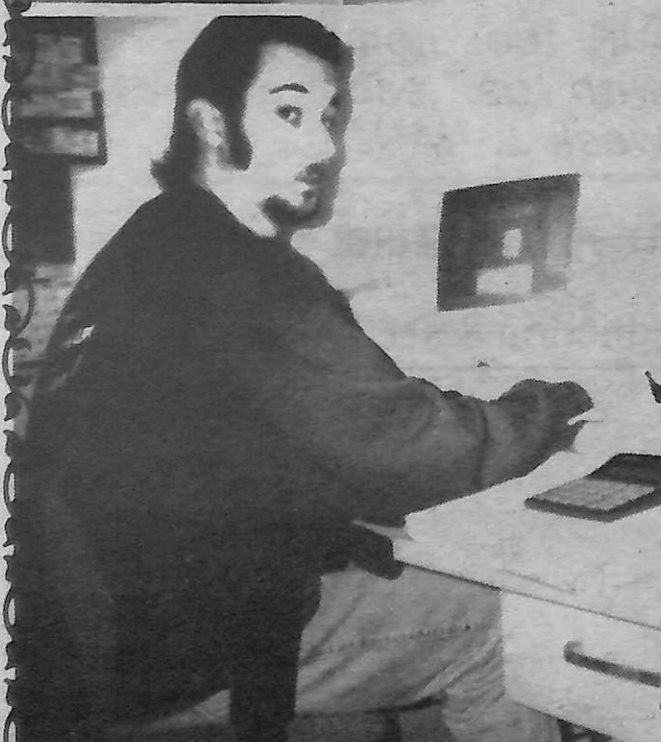
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Veterans' Corner...

Let's Hear It For The "Persons Of The Century"

by Edward Kellogg

Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236 Or 237

I'm finding that the Internet has an unending wealth of information about military matters and subjects that could be of interest to all of my readers.

The subject at hand is a congressional action, "Person of the Century," U.S.G.I. A resolution generated by public reaction to popular media questions at the end of the 20th century has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The media began circulating lists of who should be declared the person of the 20th century at the end of 1999.

The original list included names like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bill Gates, Muhammad Ali, and Jane Fonda. The public reaction to these people, particularly Ms. Jane (Hanol) Fonda, resulted in action by the Congress.

On April 11th, the House declared that American GI's are the "Persons of the Century." The resolution said American soliders, sailors, airmen, and Marines were the heroes of the century, thanks to their leadership in the struggle for freedom and democracy from World War I to Kosovo.

That is a definite tribute to our armed forces.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 11, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Wrigley for property at 91 Hendom Drive.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire Sprinklers Provide Protection In Your Home!

The vast majority of people who die in fires in the United States are children and the elderly, both of whom are often unable to escape on their own. Now, fire sprinklers systems installed in the home can protect not only those people who need assistance escaping a fire, but the entire family.

The Agawam Fire Department says that by installing a home fire sprinkler system, you are providing a type of 24-hour, automatic fire protection.

A fire may smoulder for hours, but once the first flame appears, it may take only two minutes for the fire to spread to the contents, walls, and ceiling of an entire room. However, in a room protected by a fire sprinkler system, the heat from the fire would cause the sprinkler to spray water to extinguish or confine the fire until the fire department arrives.

Statistics show that sprinkler systems save lives and reduce fire damages by over 80 percent in some cases. Sprinklers have been used in commercial buildings for many years. The combined new technology of a quick-response sprinkler head, the reduced expense of installation, the use of plastic pipe, and the ability to blend the sprinkler into the decor of a room, have all helped to increase the popularity and use of home sprinkler systems.

They are being included in plans for new homes, as well as being added to existing construction. Tests of these new systems show that sprinkler heads respond to fire in as little as 35 seconds. When coupled with smoke detectors, they provide early warning and early extinguishment.

Frequent questions concerning home sprinklers include the following:

- Will the sprinklers go off accidentally? Research shows an accidental discharge due to a manufacturing defect is one in 16,000,000 sprinklers per year in service.

- If one sprinkler head goes off, will they all activate? Sprinkler heads are designed to react to temperatures in each room individually. Normally, only the sprinkler over the fire will activate.

- If the sprinkler system activates, will my house sustain severe water damage? Tests show that damage caused by water from a sprinkler is much less than damage cause by fire department hose streams.

- Aren't sprinklers too expensive to install? A 2,000-square-foot home under construction can be protected by a sprinkler system costing as little as \$1,500 to \$2,000.

As an added bonus, most insurance companies offer a sizeable discount for coverage of homes with sprinkler systems.

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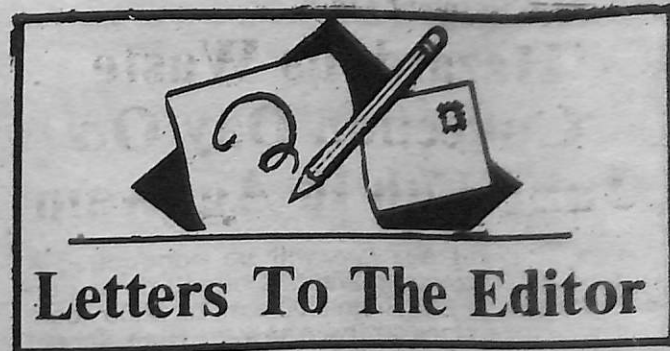
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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Alfred Pajer for the proposed zone change. The proposal is to rezone approximately 8.5 acres of land at the corner of Suffield and Cooper Streets from Business A and Residence A-2 to all Business A.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Letters To The Editor

Thank You For Supporting Parish Cupboard Fundraiser

To The Editor:

On behalf of everyone served by the West Springfield-Agawam Parish Cupboard, formerly known as the Open Pantry, I would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to three local businesses that assisted us in our recent Family Movie Night fundraiser.

First and foremost, our deepest thanks to Sal Anzalotti of the Agawam Family Cinemas. Sal donated the use of the Cinemas and all the ticket proceeds to the Cupboard. This event could not have happened without his generosity. Please enjoy a movie at Agawam Family Cinemas and tell Sal thanks for his generosity toward the community.

Next, we cannot forget to thank Bella Pizza for the donation of three party-size pizzas. The families that came to the fundraiser raved about the pizza, and any leftovers were shared the next day with the people the Cupboard serves. Next time you order a pizza or grinder from Bella Pizza, tell them you heard about their donation and say thanks.

Last but not least, we want to thank Ric Sardella and the staff of *The Agawam Advertiser News* for their support of our efforts.

If you were unable to make the show but would like to send a donation, or if you want to send a donation for any other reason, you can find the Cupboard at 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

If you have any questions about the services provided by the Cupboard, you can stop in or you can call our Executive Director, Candy Boucher, at 734-2639 or myself at 739-2112.

Very truly yours,
Gina-Marie Letellier, Esq.
Chair, Bd. of Directors

Republican Town Committee To Meet On Sat., May 6th

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold its May meeting on Saturday, May 6th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

The agenda for this month's meeting will include a report from the Republican State Committee members; a discussion of town matters with our local elected officials; and planning campaign and fundraising events for the remainder of the year.

All are welcome to attend and participate. If you have any questions or comments about the meeting, please contact Committee Chairman Scott Hibbert at 789-9800 or 786-2710.

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By Appointment Only...

Hazardous Waste Collection Day On June 17th In Agawam

The Town of Agawam will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

It will take place at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of Agawam residency is required, and no commercial businesses will be allowed.

This waste collection is by appointment only. For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquids or 20 pounds solid.

WHAT DO I BRING?

From the house: rubber cement; photo chemicals; furniture polish; oven cleaner; drain/toilet cleaners; rug/upholstery cleaner.

From the garage: gasoline/kerosene; antifreeze; engine de-greaser; car wax/polish; driveway sealers; roofing tar.

From the workplace: oil/latex paints; stains/varnishes; wood preservative; paint stripper/thinner; aerosol cans; adhesives.

From the yard: insecticides/fungicides; chemical fertilizers; weed killers; flea control products; no-pest strips; pool chemicals; propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!!!

• Empty containers. (DO NOT BRING EMPTY PAINT CANS; dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

- Commercially generated wastes.
- Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.
- Biological wastes.
- Explosives/ammunition.
- Prescription medicine/syringes.

Motor oil can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

Once again, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207, to make your appointment for the Town of Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th.

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

Senator Melconian Speaks About The "Armenian Genocide"

At a State House ceremony recently, Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) remembered the 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children who were killed by the Ottoman Turk government between 1915 and 1923 in an attempt to wipe out the Armenian people. This program of mass murder came to be known as the Armenian Genocide.

At the ceremony, Melconian spoke about the importance of remembering the genocide. "As we move into the new Millennium, events from last century, especially those from early in the century, start to seem misty and unreal as people's memories start to fade.

"But we must not forget the victims of this terrible atrocity because the lessons they have to teach us are as fresh as they were 85 years ago. Our human flaws are not going away, it is only through remembering events like the Armenian genocide that we can hope not to repeat them."

The Armenian genocide was the first time that the full powers of the state, in this case, the Ottoman Empire, were turned toward the single goal of killing or relocating an entire race. The genocide began in 1895 and 1896 with mass pogroms which took the lives of up to 200,000. It reached a horrible climax between 1915 and 1923. Armenian members of the army were segregated out and slaughtered by their former comrades.

Armenian women and children were deprived of water and food and driven into the desert to die of starvation, epidemic, and exposure. Millions were robbed and killed. In addition to the 1.5 million Armenians who were killed, 2.5 million were driven from lands that they had occupied for 3,000 years.

"I remember the stories that my paternal grandmother used to tell about her family - how they were all killed, some during the early pogroms of the late 19th and early 20th century and finally the rest during the genocide," said Melconian. "Only my grandmother escaped to America."

"We overcame that horror. Now it is our duty to assure that just because we have been scattered across the globe, the Turks will never succeed in destroying us as a race or eradicating our memory of the horror they perpetrated."

Sister City Comm. Launches Yearbook Campaign

Agawam's Sister City Commissioners are in the process of contacting local businesses and patrons for the purpose of raising funds to host a delegation from our sister city, Reggio Calabria, in October.

The "Jubilee 2000" Yearbook will reflect the story of Agawam and feature local businesses in the hopes that we will be able to provide a program in October that we can all be proud of for our guests.

Chairman F. William Euliano, Jr. said that if you look at this project as a cure-all for your advertising program, you'll be disappointed; but, if you view it as a "feel good" project that takes pride in your community and reflects on your sense of family, education, and spirit, you'll embrace what we are trying to accomplish with enthusiasm.

For further details, please call 786-0441.

PATRONS' LISTINGS

Patrons' listings (for \$50) are currently available for the Sister City Commission's "Jubilee 2000" Yearbook.

To be listed in the Yearbook as an individual, please make checks payable to "Agawam Sister City Commission," c/o Sylvia Deliso, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001, or visit us on Cable Access Channel 15 for details.

On Saturday, May 20th...

Veterans' Graves To Be Flagged In Agawam For Memorial Day

The Agawam Veterans' Council has scheduled Saturday, May 20th, as the date to replace flags in all Agawam cemeteries in time for the town's Memorial Day observance. The rain date will be May 27th.

Once again, the council plans to invite area Boy and Girl Scouts to help, and all residents interested in helping out are invited to join us.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Following the flagging of those graves, they will proceed to the South Westfield Street Cemetery (this is a different chain of events as opposed to years past). At this point, they will proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery on Main Street to finish the project.

Please call Veterans' Services at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236, if you plan to help or be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. As always, the council appreciates your efforts in paying tribute to our veterans.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Mary Andros

Mary (Christie) Andros, 77, of 31 Federal Street Extension, Agawam, died recently in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a nurse at Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield and retired many years ago. Born in Lowell, she was a member of the Cathedral of St. George in Springfield.

Her husband, Charles A. Andros, died in 1993.

She leaves a son, George T. of Agawam, and a daughter, Elizabeth S. Andros of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Sampson Liberty Street Funeral Home and in the cathedral, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Springfield.

Mary E. McMahon

Mary Ellen (Black) McMahon, 97, formerly of 29 Central Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a 20-year elementary schoolteacher in Agawam and previously taught in Northampton schools for 10 years.

Born in Somerville, she lived in Agawam since 1938 and was a 1922 graduate of the former Westfield Normal School.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and its Catholic Women's Club, the Women's Guild, the Agawam Lioness Club, and the Over-60 Club.

Her husband, Edward D. McMahon, died in 1986.

She leaves a daughter, Rosemary Fern of South Hadley; two sisters, Christine Theberge and Mildred Berthiaume, both of West Warren; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Lions Club, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Melba L. Drewnowski

Melba Louise (Bodas) Drewnowski, 80, of Glendale Road, Agawam, died recently at home.

Along with her late husband, she co-founded Drewnowski Pool Co., and worked there until her

retirement last year.

Born in Gilbert, Minnesota, she was a long-time Agawam resident.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, the Catholic Women's Club, the Springfield Finnish Women's Club, the Golden Agers Chapter 1, the St. John's Over 60 Club, and the Forty-Niners.

Her husband, Stanley Drewnowski, died in 1983.

She leaves three sons, Stanley Jr. of New Paltz, New York, John of West Springfield, and Robert of Agawam; a daughter, Judy McGuire of Agawam; a sister, Martha Povroznik of Eveleth, Minnesota; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Bruce W. Clark

Bruce W. Clark, 69, formerly of Chapel Street, Gloucester, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a senior master sergeant and aero technician in the Air Force for 20 years, and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He received the Air Force Longevity Service Award and retired in 1971.

Born and schooled in Gloucester, he lived in Springfield for five years before moving to Agawam.

He was a past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 20 and the 40-and-8 Chapter in Bitburg, Germany.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Marie Goedert.

He leaves a sister-in-law, Joan Clark of Melbourne, Florida; a nephew, Richard M. Clark, Jr. of Makaha, Hawaii; and a niece, Madelyn Belt of Satellite Beach, Florida.

The funeral was held at Starzyk Funeral Home of Chicopee, with burial at Beechbrook Cemetery, Gloucester.

Kit Leong

Kit (Lau) Leong, 63, of 85 Corey Colonial, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in China, she came to the United States in

the mid-1960's and moved to Agawam in 1979.

She was a restaurant manager of McDonald's in West Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Harry Leong, and two brothers, Jimmy Wong of Irvington, New Jersey, and Alan Chee of Washington, D.C.

The burial was scheduled to be at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Michael DePalo

Michael DePalo, 91, of Agawam, died Tuesday, May 2nd, at Olympus Specialty Hospital in Springfield.

He was a long-time upholsterer and retired in 1988.

He started in 1925 with Hampden Parlor Furniture Co., and worked later for Barkley Upholstery Co. of Chicopee.

Born in Bari, Italy, he came to this country in 1910 and settled in Howe Caverns, New York. He later moved to Hudson Falls, New York, and came to Springfield in 1920.

A World War II combat infantry veteran, he served in the 339th Infantry Regiment of the 85th Infantry Division in the Mediterranean Theater. He fought in the Rome-Arno, North Apennine, and Po Valley campaigns in 1944-45, and received the Combat Infantryman Badge and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon.

A lifetime member of the Adriatic Club, he was a former club secretary and its bocce team captain. He also was a past secretary of the Italian-American Bocce League.

His wife of 53 years, the former Anna Montefusco, died in 1993, and a daughter, Esther DePalo, in 1986.

He leaves a daughter, Patricia Liguore, and two brothers, Joseph and Thomas, all of Agawam; and a sister, Sara Gothier of Springfield.

The funeral was scheduled for Friday morning, May 5th, at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Thursday, May 4th.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

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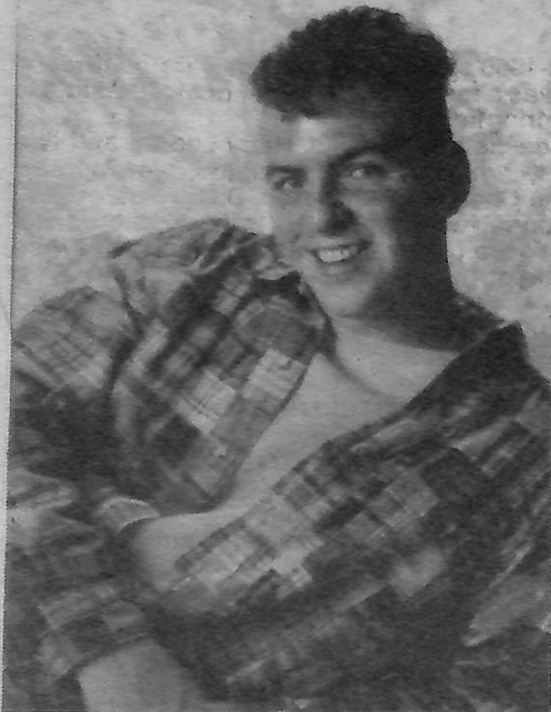
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and a sweet, untroubled mind.
And yet ... it won't be anything like any place I've ever been ...
or seen ... or even dreamed of in the place I leave behind.
I won't know where I'm going, and I won't know where I've been
as I tumble through the always and look back toward the when.
I'll glide beyond the rainbows. I'll drift above the sky.
I'll fly into the wonder, without ever wondering why.
I won't remember getting there.

Somehow I'll just arrive.
But I'll know that I belong there
and will feel much more alive
than I have ever felt before.
I will be absolutely free of the things that I held onto
that were holding onto me.
The next place that I go
will be so quiet and so still
That the whispered song of sweet belonging will rise up to fill
the listening sky with joyful silence, and with unheard harmonies
of music made by no one playing,
like a hush upon a breeze.

There will be no room for darkness in that place of living light,
Where an ever-dawning morning pushes back the dying night.
The very air will fill with brilliance, as the brightly shining sun
And the moon and half a million stars are married into one.

The next place that I go
won't really be a place at all.
There won't be any seasons —
winter, summer, spring or fall —
Nor a Monday,
Nor a Friday,
Nor December,
Nor July,

And the seconds will be standing still ...
while hours hurry by.

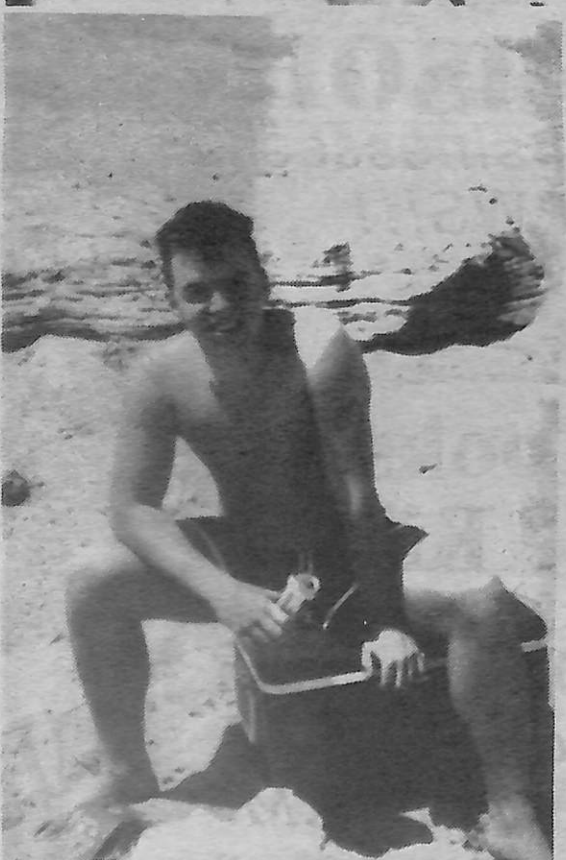
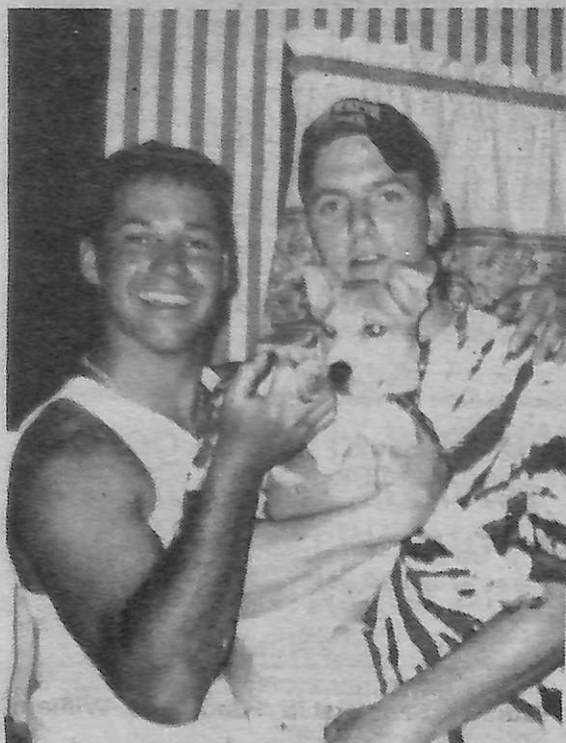
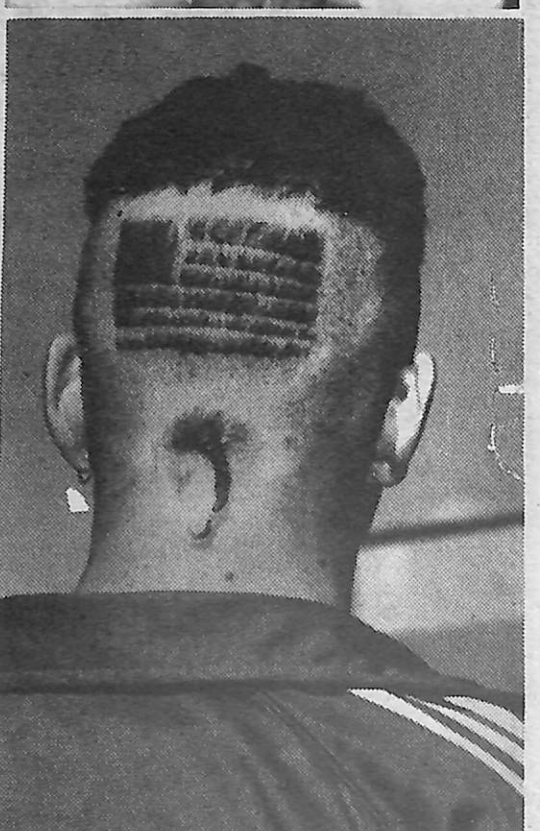
I will not be a boy or girl, a woman or a man.
I'll simply be just, simply, me. No worse or better than.
My skin will not be dark or light.
I won't be fat or tall.

The body I once lived in won't be part of me at all.
I will finally be perfect. I will be without a flaw.
I will never make one more mistake, or break the smallest law.
And the me that was impatient, or was angry, or unkind,
will simply be a memory. The me I left behind.

I will travel empty-handed.
There is not a single thing
I have collected in my life
that I would ever want to bring
except ... the love of those who loved me,
and the warmth of those who cared.
The happiness and memories and magic that we shared.
Though I will know the joy of solitude ... I'll never be alone.
I'll be embraced by all the family and friends
I've ever known.

Although I might not see their faces,
all our hearts will beat as one,
And the circle of our spirits
will shine brighter than the sun.
I will cherish all the friendship I was fortunate to find,
all the love and all the laughter in the place I leave behind.
All these good things will go with me.
They will make my spirit glow.
And that light will shine forever
in the next place that I go.

"The Next Place," by Warren Hanson, was read at the
funeral Mass of Chris Hayes before the congregation at St. John's
Church on April 25, 2000 by his mother, Jackie Toussaint.



Keenan Announces Firefighters Safety Equipment Grant Prog.

State Representative Daniel Keenan announced recently that the Massachusetts House of Representatives, by a unanimous vote of 156-0, accepted a budget amendment which he supported to establish a \$10 million Firefighters Safety Equipment Grant Program. The grant program is designed to assist municipal fire departments purchase lifesaving equipment for their firefighters.

"By establishing the Firefighters Safety Equipment Grant Program, we are making a significant commitment to our state's firefighters. Grants awarded under this program will guarantee that every city and town in Massachusetts will have the means to equip their firefighters with the best fire safety equipment available," Rep. Keenan added.

The Program directs the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety to establish a five-member Firefighter Safety Equipment Advisory Board to assist her in evaluating existing and new technology, as well as to develop and oversee the application process.

The Advisory Board will consist of the State Fire Marshall, the president of the Professional Firefighters Association of Massachusetts, and one chief to be selected from a list of three submitted by the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts (one of which must be a chief from a call/volunteer fire department), and the house and senate chairmen of the Public Safety committee.

Fire chiefs may apply for a grant from the Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund on or before January 1, 2001. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety is directed to process all applications by February 1, 2001 and the funds are to be distributed by March 1, 2001.

Some of the fire safety equipment that is eligible under the program includes: turnout gear, hand-held power lights, communication devices, telephones, Personal Alert Safety Systems, air packs, tanks, compressors, Thermal Imaging devices, and Computerized Personal Accountability Systems (which automatically tracks the number and identity of every firefighter who enters a burning building).

West Side & Agawam Letter Carriers To Hold Food Collection

On May 13th, local Letter Carriers from NALC Branch 1978 (West Springfield) and Branch 46 (Agawam) will join with their colleagues across the nation to collect food donations left by their customers' mailboxes.

The Parish Cupboard will coordinate the sorting for future distribution. Sorting will take place at the Boys and Girls Club, 615 Main Street in West Springfield. Volunteers will be needed from 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.

This is the largest single annual food drive for the Parish Cupboard. In years past, neighbors have donated so generously that the Cupboard has filled its building and had to store the overflow in a semi-trailer donated by Kelly Trailer & Container.

The Parish Cupboard provides almost 1,000 individuals each month with emergency groceries and meals. This food drive will be instrumental in helping alleviate the extra need created by children out of school for the summer.

Please give generously and have your donation by your mailbox before your letter carrier arrives. In case of rain, remember to protect your food with extra plastic bags tied tight. Volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club are most welcome.

Income Level Increases For Fuel Assistance

The Agawam Council On Aging would like to announce the following increases in the income levels for fuel assistance:

Household Size	Income
1	\$16,480
2	\$22,120
3	\$27,760
4	\$33,400
5	\$39,040
6	\$44,680
7	\$50,320
8	\$55,960

Historical Association Seeks Submissions For Pictorial History Book

The Agawam Historical Association has received a May 31st deadline from its publisher regarding the pictorial history book it plans to publish.

The association is actively seeking images of the town's past in order to create a visual history of Agawam and Feeding Hills and needs your help! About half of the 200 photographs needed for the final book have been collected.

The association, in collaboration with Arcadia Press of Dover, New Hampshire, hopes to create a local edition of the publisher's popular *Images of America* series.

The association is looking for photos with caption information documenting the history and development of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Early views are especially welcome. All submitted photos from the 1860s to the 1970s will be reviewed for publication.

Picture postcards depicting scenes in Agawam and Feeding Hills may also be submitted.

The association currently has many photos of homes in the Agawam Center and Feeding Hills Center areas. Photographs pertaining to aviation in town are needed, as well as photos of agricultural subjects.

Original prints are preferred and will be returned upon completion of the project. An image release form must be signed granting permission for the image to be used.

If you or someone you know has photos or postcards they would like to share for this exciting project, please contact Visual History Book Committee chairpersons David Cecchi at 731-7600 during the day, and 789-3338 in the evening.

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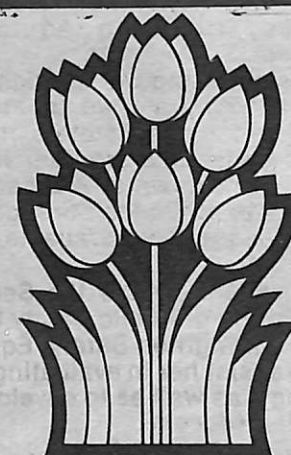
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Ribbon-Cutting For New Shuffleboard Courts...



THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, with the assistance of several volunteers, have completed three new shuffleboard courts at St. John's Field. The ribbon-cutting was held on Thursday, April 27th. A picnic catered by the Senior Center was held in conjunction with the opening, and approximately 50 persons attended. Mayor Richard Cohen cut the ribbon (in top photo and in upper right photo), and he was assisted by Chris Sparks from the Parks Department and Richard Mundo and Joan Linnehan from the Senior Center. The office of Rep. Dan Keenan was also represented. "Chris and Joan deserve a lot of credit for making this finally happen," said Senior Center Executive Director Richard Mundo. "We also want to thank the church for allowing it, and the volunteers who worked so hard — Jane Schmidt, Pauline Paquette, and Janice Schermerhorn," said Mundo. Persons wishing to learn how to play or to borrow equipment should call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242. IN LOWER RIGHT PHOTO: Cook Peter Mathes and volunteers Jane Schmidt and Pauline Paquette.

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Charity Heather Doe Engaged To Wed Eric Bradley Charest

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Charest are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son, Eric Bradley Charest, to Charity Heather Doe, daughter of Doreen & Michael Doe.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Agawam High School in 1994 and Westfield State College in 1999. He works for The Charest Co., Inc., in Agawam.

The bride-to-be attended Agawam schools and graduated in North Carolina in 1995. She works at HealthSouth in West Springfield.

The wedding will take place on September 14, 2001.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Spring Art Exhibit At Agawam Library For The Month Of May

During the month of May, a Spring Art Exhibit will be held in the gallery of the Agawam Public Library. The Agawam Public Schools' Visual and Performing Arts Department welcome the public to an exhibition of artwork from grades K-12.

This special exhibit will feature a variety of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, crafts, and mixed media.

Elementary art teachers Marcia Scherpa and Gail Szatrowski will present the artwork of students from Clark, Robinson, Granger, and Phelps schools. The Middle School students' artwork for grades five and six will be displayed by Thais Wright, Deb Florek, Art Liaison, and Andrew Kraus will highlight the Junior High School's grade seven and eight artwork.

Frances Messina, Art Academic Coordinator for Agawam Public Schools, and Geraldine Schilling Nardal will showcase artwork for grades 9-12.

The library hours for viewing are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

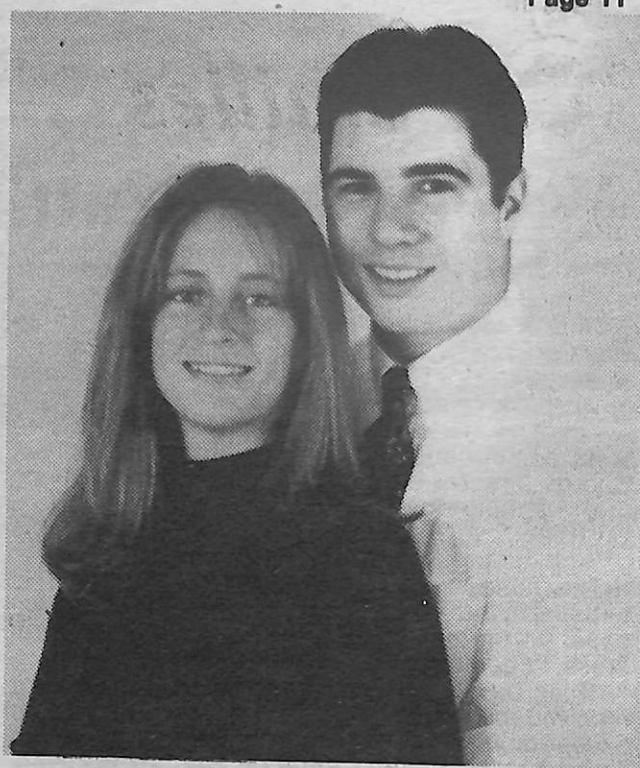
Agawam Garden Club Slates Its Annual Plant Sale

The Annual Plant Sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held on Saturday, May 13th on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main St. in Agawam. The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, rain or shine.

Available for sale will be annuals, geraniums, perennials, vegetables, herbs, wild flowers, ground cover, and some small trees and shrubs. In addition, there will be a limited number of hanging flower pots and cemetery logs for sale.

Also, there will be a Treasure Table featuring small garden tools, decorative pots and baskets, and garden-related literature for sale.

There will be a bake sale table, featuring goodies made by Garden Club members. Profit from the Plant Sale will be added to our Scholarship Fund.



AMIE M. BEANE & JEFFREY J. HARLIN

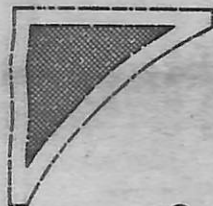
Amie M. Beane To Become Bride Of Jeffrey J. Harlin

Darryl & Darlene Beane of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amie M. Beane, to Jeffrey J. Harlin.

Amie is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently enrolled in the Myofascial Therapy program at Springfield Technical Community College.

Jeffrey is the son of Paul & Marlene Harlin, also of Feeding Hills. He is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School and will graduate from Westfield State College this spring with a bachelor's degree in business. Jeffrey plans to continue working for Kitchens of Distinction (which is a family-owned business) after graduation.

An October 2001 wedding is planned.



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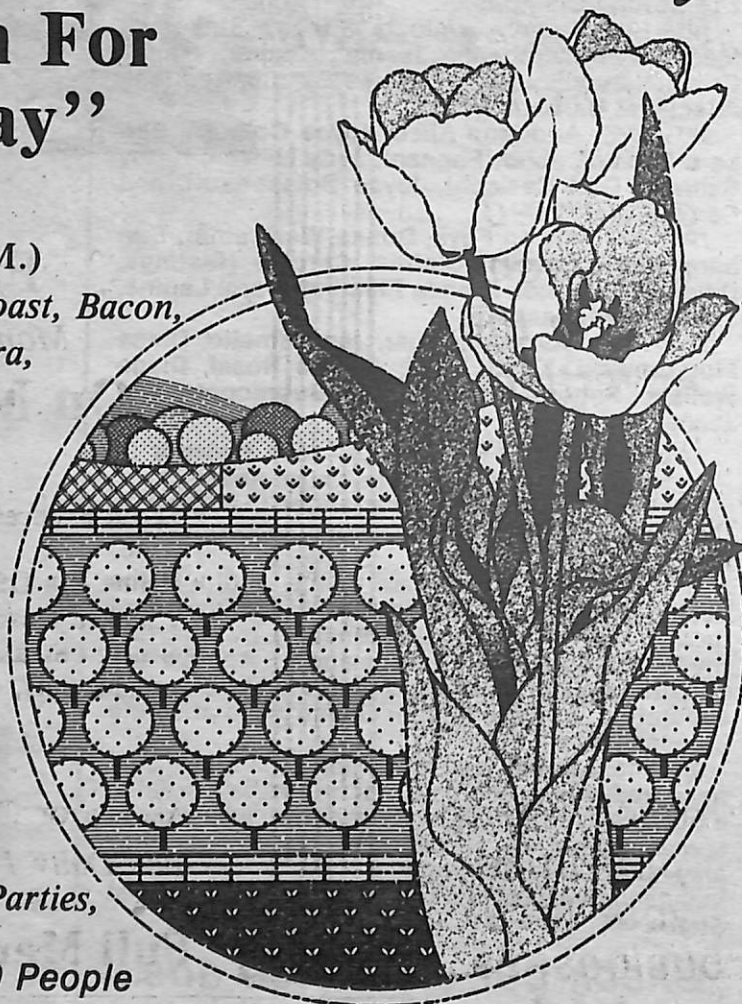
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On Wednesday, June 14th...

A Highlight Of The Memory Lane Chorus' Flag Day Concert

One of the highlights of the upcoming "Flag Day Concert" by the Memory Lane Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center will be a performance of a newly-discovered song by a former Feeding Hills resident, Hubert A. Blackburn.

As a long-time collector of old sheet music, Chorus Director Darcy Davis has also been given a lot of things over the years, and this song — "The Glorious Stripes And Stars" — turned up in a recent search through the collection.

The song was published in 1914, and it is unusual in that in addition to the name of the composer on the cover page, it also included his address, "Feeding Hills, Mass."

"Flag Day" is one of the holidays that has not received much attention in recent years, with the exception of some presentations in schools. The concert at the Senior Center on Wednesday evening, June 14th, at 7:00 p.m. will include a number of songs, poems, and interesting things about our flag.

The program will be free, and the general public is invited to this first-time event.

AHC COLOR GUARDS — 1957 To 1962

This week's photos include some of Agawam High Color Guards between 1957 and 1962.

After the group's first year, new uniforms were purchased from the Ostwald Uniform Company, and were in a military style in brown with an orange shield and white trim. The picture of the 1962 Guard was used for a number of years in the Ostwald catalogue and became known throughout the country from this booklet (with the Agawam flag on display).

The Color Guard during these early years was a group that is known as an "Honor Guard" (the group that carries the American flag and a small assortment of other full-size flags). They led the band in all of the parades and were the first thing to be seen as the band approaches.

Because of regulations pertaining to the display of the flag, the guard did not do "show business" routines or fancy twirling. That was left to the Baton Twirling Group and the featured baton twirler for many years. However, the Color Guard was always featured in a special "Color Presentation" formation during all of the Band's half-time or Field Show performances. During these years, the group consisted of three flags and six rifles, and the rifles were able to do fancy spins during the presentation.

In June 1962, the Agawam Band and Color Guard represented the State of Massachusetts at the National Music Man Competition in Mason City, Iowa. One band from every state was invited.

Color Guard members during the late 1950's and early 1960's were as follows...

1956-1957: Mona Moretti, Judy Warren, Brenda Kerber, Barbara Marsian, RoseMarie Daigneault, Agnes Mitchell, Nancy Candido, Faye Parker, and Gay Reynolds.

1957-1958: Faye Parker, Linda Pickard, Sandra Kellogg, Rosalie Sulborski, Nancy Crean, Jeanne Kasper, Madeline Boissonault, Lila Thompson, and Beverly Clampt.

1958-1959: Sandra Kellogg, Rosalie Sulborski, Madeline Boissonault, Jeanne Kasper, Nancy Crean, Nancy Fournier, Frances Ferioli, Addriene Allen, and Barbara Wright.

1959-1960: Addriene Allen, Joyce Colburn, Barbara Bachel, Janet Fagnani, Judy Newall, Kathy Sullivan, Gail Cavicchi, Joyce Boissonault, and Carolyn Clafflin.

1960-1961: Vivian Faye, Donna Werthamer, Barbara Wiles, Carolyn Clafflin, Carolyn Hastings, Dolores Raimondi, Brenda Fleming, Carol Lapine, and Carolyn Mascaro.

1961-1962: Dorothy Harper, Janet Imello, Diane Moraczewski, Kathy Pond, Jeanne Rossi, Diane Wallace, Sandra Ambrogi, Judy Buoniconte, and Jeanne Bush.

(Another excerpt from the 1927 John Hancock booklet, "The Flag Of The United States")

The flag with the 13 stars arranged in a circle on the blue field in the canton, was our national banner until May 1, 1955.

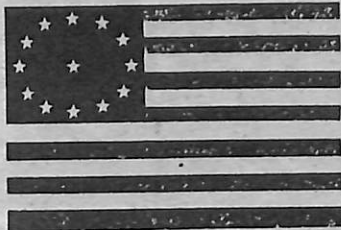
Several theories exist as to the origin of the design of the Stars and Stripes. Probably it is a modification of the Great Union Flag, by removing the two crosses of St. George and St. Andrew and substituting the 13 stars to indicate the absolute separation from the Mother Country and absolute independence.

Suffice it to say that in devising the starry banner of red, white, and blue, our forefathers created a truly glorious standard, as enduring and proudly consummated as those great documents they also bequeathed to America — the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

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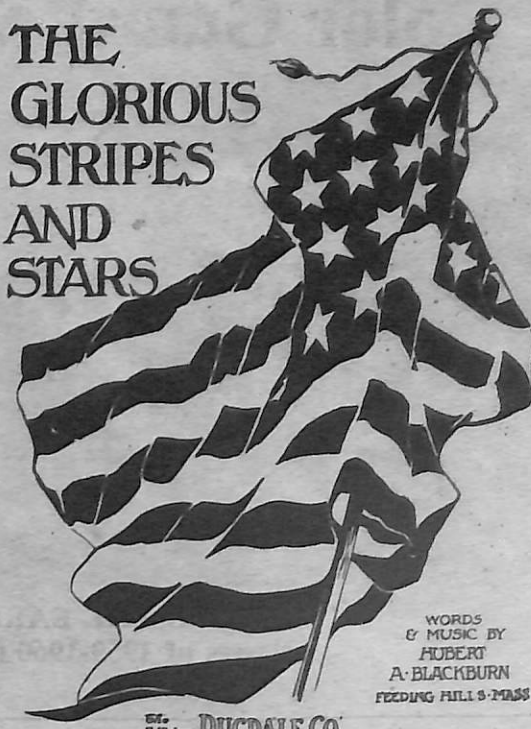


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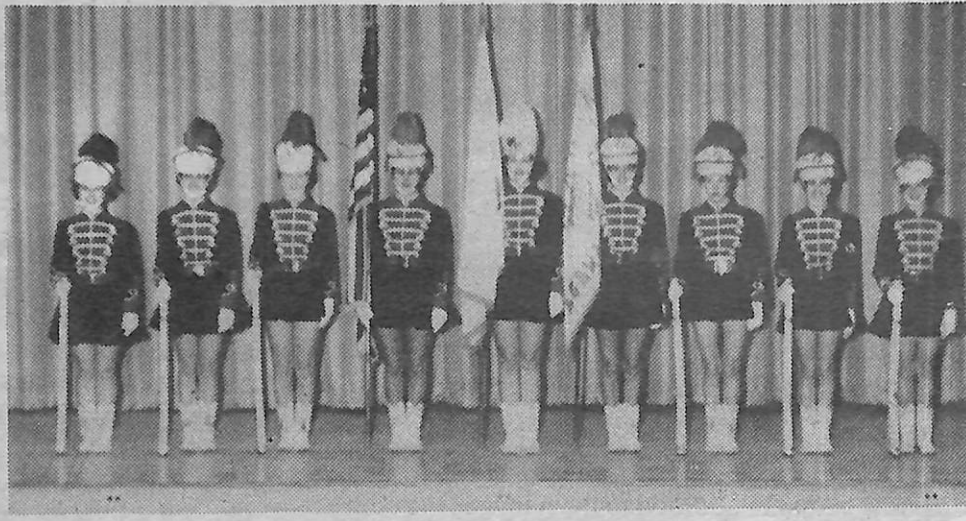
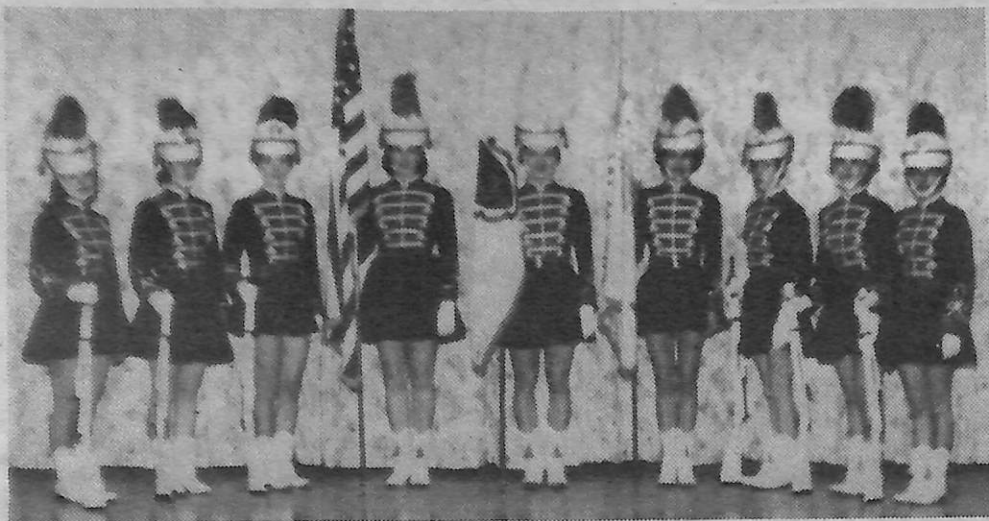
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West Spfld. Senior Citizens Ctr. Offers 9-Day Trip To Ireland

The West Springfield Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring a nine-day trip to Ireland, August 4th-12th.

The total price of \$1,678 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation to Boston from the Senior Center and departure taxes. They will fly on Aer Lingus to Dublin and return on Aer Lingus from Shannon, Ireland.

They will enjoy a Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle and have dinner and entertainment at an Irish cabaret in Dublin. The seven nights' accommodations will be in first-class hotels.

Each day, a full Irish breakfast is included except the day of arrival. All dinners are included, except one night in Dublin to let the travelers experience Dublin on their own.

The trip offers a fully escorted sightseeing program with the services of a professional tour director throughout and they'll have a private motorcoach with lavatory.

If you are interested in joining the West Springfield Seniors on this trip, please call Dolores Kiniry at 413-732-4980 for additional details or see her at the West Springfield Senior Center between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Annual Spring Mtg. Of Spfld. Retired Police & Firefighters Assoc.

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Springfield Retired Police and Firefighters Association will be held May 21st at 12:00 noon at The Big E Fire Station.

Lunch, guest speakers, and matters of importance will be on the agenda.

For further information, call Bob Brown at 783-7543 or George Pouloupoulas at 566-8206.

ADVERTISER NEWS



CAR WASH
The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a car wash at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We are well-known for the great job that the athletes do on the cars, and many of our town officials come to our car washes. We hope to see them again at this one.

We appreciate the support that we receive from our town at all of our events. It takes a lot of work to get our athletes to the National Games, but with the wonderful show of support from this town, it makes our job easier.

We thank you all and hope to see you on the 13th.

TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN
The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun on Monday, May 22nd. The price will be \$15, and will include gratuities.

Mohegan Sun will offer a \$10 meal ticket and a \$10 free play on the Big Wheel. We are looking forward to a full bus and a special day of fun with our friends.

We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. sharp, and arrive at Mohegan Sun at approximately 9:30 a.m. We will leave Mohegan Sun at 4:00 p.m. sharp, arriving home at approximately 5:30 p.m.

To obtain a ticket, please call Edie Chiba at 786-5539, or purchase a ticket at the Senior Center.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 8th: BBQ ribs on a roll, potato puff, tossed salad, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, May 9th: Salisbury steak with gravy, rice Pilaf, cauliflower & cheese sauce, pumpernickel bread, pears.

Wednesday, May 10th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, zucchini, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding.

Thursday, May 11th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, rye bread, plums.

Friday, May 12th: "Mothers' Day Lunch" — Pot roast with gravy, fresh baby carrots, baked potato & sour cream, dinner roll, rosebud cake.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!



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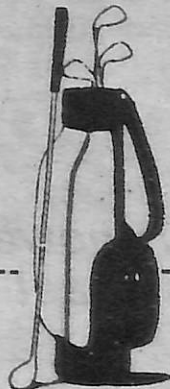
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AT THE INSTALLATION BANQUET for the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1 (from left to right): Loretta Wright, ticket chairperson; Robert Clermont, ticket committee member; and Terry Clermont, table arrangements. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



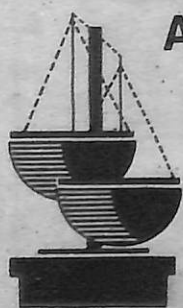
ERNESTINE BOOK TOOK TICKETS at the Installation Banquet for the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1. The banquet was recently held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice.

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JEANNETTE DORE (far left), past president of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1, with the club's newly installed officers (from left to right): Jan Riberdy, vice president; Louise Balboni, recording secretary; Mary Del Negro, chaplain; Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; and Dolores Gatti, treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1, Holds Installation Banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1 Installation Banquet was held April 12th at the Colosseum Banquet House. The social hour was at 11:30 a.m., followed by an excellent dinner.

Jeannette Dore, past president, opened up the event with everyone reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Chaplain Mary Del Negro read a special prayer.

Ed Orgenek officiated at the installation and swearing-in ceremony of the officers, assisted by Jeannette Dore. Mr. Orgenek has been a valued member of the chapter through the years - past president, treasurer, and presently the tour director, ably assisted by his wife, Nellie.

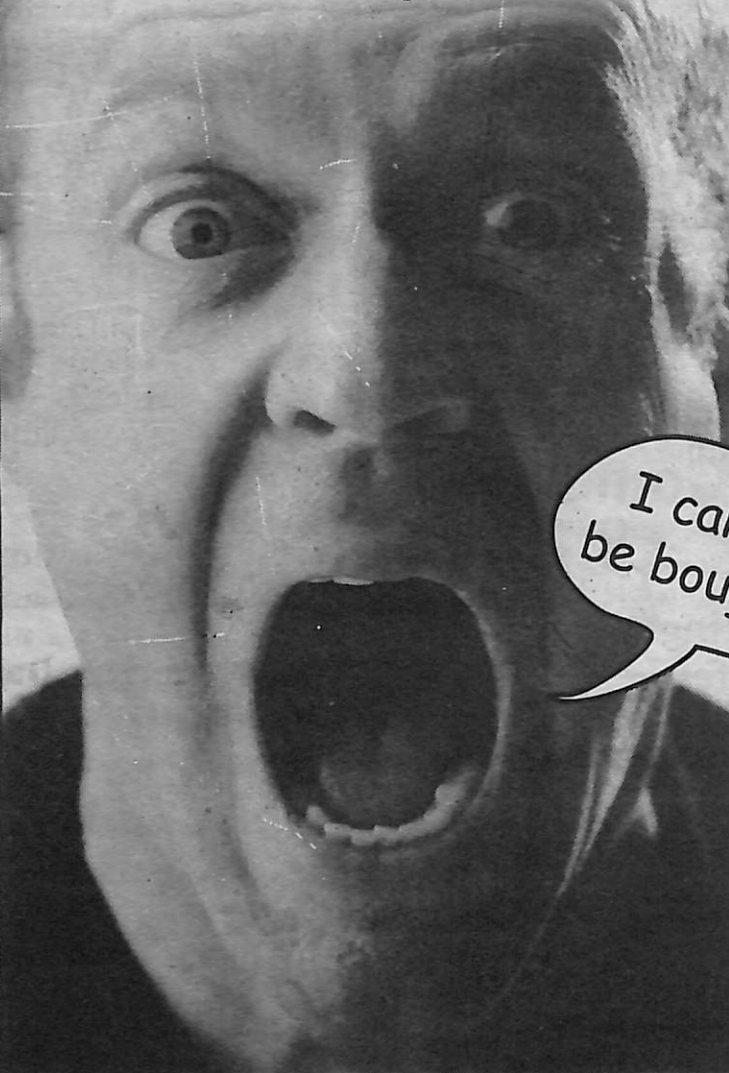
The new officers are Jan Riberdy, vice president; Dolores Gatti, treasurer; Louise Balboni,

recording secretary; Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; and Mary Del Negro, chaplain.

Chairman of the event was Thelma Coughlin, assisted by Florida Tangocci. Ticket committee consisted of Rose Paro, Loretta Wright, and Ernestine Book. Table set-ups were organized by Terry Clermont. Entertainment was provided by "The West Side Tappers," introduced by Cele Rebecchi, program chairman.

The event was marred by the fact that our beloved member and new president died suddenly on April 8th. He will always be remembered for his many efforts and assistance to the chapter over the years. Joe Gentile always had a ready smile or witty comment to add whenever he was around. He will be missed.

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Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

Question: Why is my hair so gray, and what can I do about it?

Answer: There can be many reasons for graying, but the biggest factor is heredity. The way it happens is simple. There are three structural layers of hair: the cuticle, cortex, and medulla. The cuticle is the outside layer that is made up of translucent scales and lets your natural hair color reflect through.

The cortex is the strongest part of the hair and is made up of keratin protein. This is where the natural pigments or melanin is found. A combination of enzymes and amino acids in the blood stream forms melanin in the hair bulb, then works its way up the hair shaft. It then becomes keratinized and physically becomes part of the cortex as color.

As the body ages or slows down, the production of amino acids decreases, causing the hair to appear grey; and, when production stops completely, the hair becomes white. The innermost layer is the medulla, and little is known about its function.

I think that gray, silver, and white hair are truly beautiful. The secret is upkeep. Gray hair is dryer and more porous. The right products and a stylish haircut are important. A violet-based shampoo will tone down the dulling yellow hues, but can be drying. I suggest alternating it with a moisturizing shampoo such as Paul Mitchell's Awapuhi Shampoo or The Wash.

Foaming Pommade can give hair great shine and texture. Stay away from alcohol and silicone-based products, as these can steal moisture from the hair and leave it dry and brittle. Long hair can be aging, so a blunt, chin-length bob can bring out strong bone structure and emphasize silvery color. A short cut with choppy layers around the face will bring out your beautiful eyes and accent your cheekbones.

If you really hate that gray and want a change, you do not have to be afraid of color. Many people shy away from coloring their hair for fear that it will cause serious damage, but with the improved formulations most products have today, this is very unlikely. There are three categories of hair coloring products you can choose from: semi-permanent, demi-permanent, and permanent.

SEE "BEAUTY CORNER" - Page 18...

25-Year Members Of The Turnverein



AT THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN'S 145th anniversary dinner and dance, Kurt Walther (far left), president of the Turnverein, presented commemorative certificates to the following 25-year members (from left to right): Emil Wroblewski, Wilma Gillan (treasurer of the Turnverein), Rudolf Bayerle, and William Brezinski. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Gearing Up For Town's Summer Entertainment

The Agawam Cultural Council and Rotary Club are finalizing details for its summer series schedule for 2000. Several acts are back from past years and will complement some great new nationally-known groups.

Boston's *Wildest Dreams* plays a mix of reggae, calypso, and R&B. Their past performances have included a show at Giants Stadium during the World Cup Soccer Championships. Hartford's *Hornets* were named "Connecticut's Best Blues Band" and specialize in up-tempo "Jump Swing" music. *Souled Out* was last year's biggest draw and features a singing and dancing MoTown review. Seven other groups will also be featured with polka, show-tunes, big band, rock and roll, and disco. The full schedule will be announced in June.

The ACC and Rotary Club are currently looking for event and ad-book sponsorships. Please contact Mike Grandfield at 785-1925 or Agawamcc@yahoo.com for more information.

Agawam Garden Club To Hold Next Mtg. On Tuesday, May 9th

The Agawam Garden Club's May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

The guest speaker will be Ann Gibson, owner of Annie's Garden Shop in Amherst on Route 116. She will be talking about "Tabletop Fountain Design."

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Guests and new members are always welcome. The guest fee is \$2.

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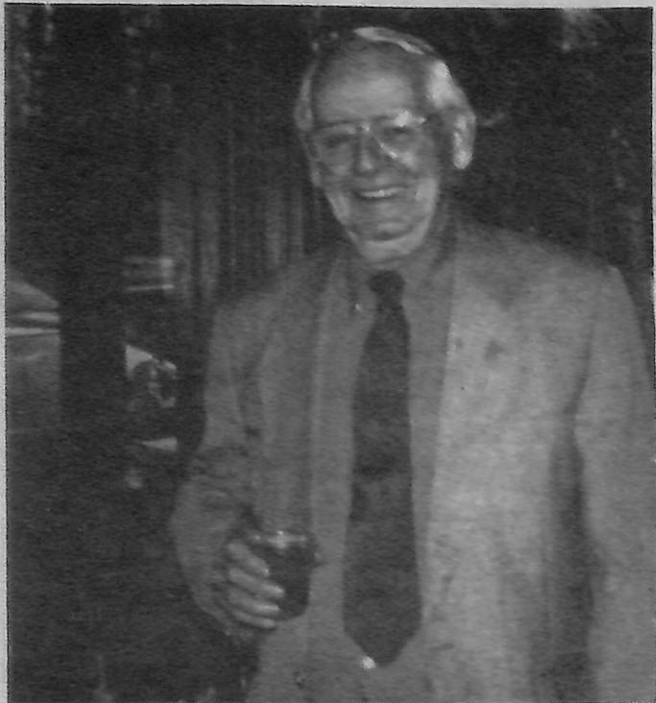
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BILL GARDINER, a 47-year member of the Springfield Turnverein. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



JESSIE RIVERS AND RICHIE MITNICK provided the entertainment for the Springfield Turnverein's 145th anniversary dinner and dance. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



AT THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN'S recently held 145th anniversary dinner and dance (from left to right): Fred Nellinger, director of men's singing section; Kurt Walther, Turnverein president; Fred Grole, 45-year member and past president; Al LaBaff, 55-year member; Raymond Gunther, 67-year member; Lucien Smaida, 46-year member; Walter Groll, 42-year member; William Beaman, 60-year member; John Lang, 52-year member; and Martin Lehberger, 41-year member. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Spfld. Turnverein Celebrates 145th Anniversary With Dinner And Dance

The Springfield Turnverein recently celebrated its 145th anniversary with a dinner and dance. The Springfield Turnverein is a member of its parent organization, The American Turners.

Awards were presented to several members. Kurt Strehl received his "gold card" for having been a member for 40 years. William Beaman was presented a plaque for 60 years of membership.

Hedwig Selle, although unable to be present for the dinner, will receive a certificate for 70 years of membership. Hedwig is 99 years of age.

Four members were presented certificates for

25 years of membership. They are Wilma Gillan, Rudy Bayerle, William Brezinski, and Emil Wroblewski.

Past presidents in attendance were Fred Groll, Ted Beck, Erwin Schwarz, Al LaGrange, and Paul Dithrich.

Members with more than 40 years of membership included William Gardiner, Fred Hellinger, Al LaBaff, John Lang, Martin Lehberger, Walter Groll, Raymond Gunter, and Lucien Smaida.

After a short program, the evening was completed with the delightful music of the "Richie Mitnick Duo."

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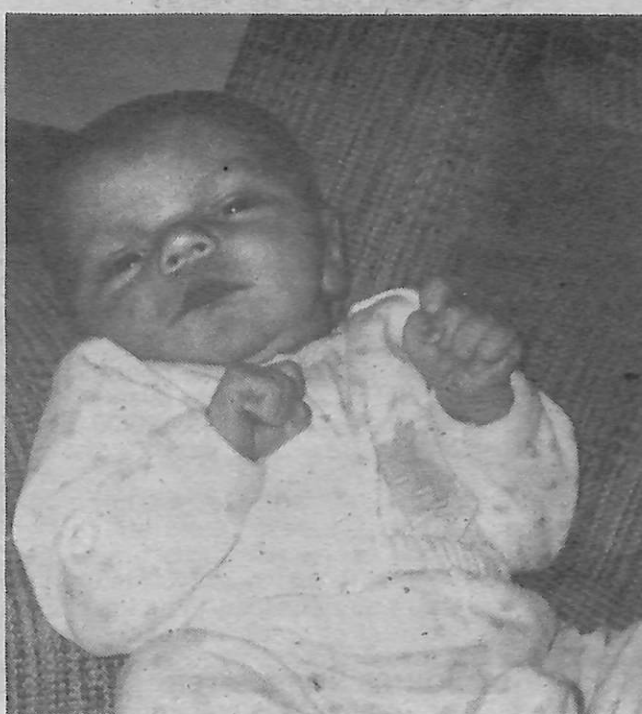
GINO ANTHONY & CAMILLE ANN ALOISI

The Aloisi Family Announces The Birth Of Twins

Glen and Linda Aloisi of Agawam are pleased to announce the birth of their twins. They were born on Monday, April 3, 2000 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Gino Anthony was born at 2:10 p.m. weighing six pounds, seven ounces and Camille Ann was born at 2:22 p.m. weighing five pounds, 10.9 ounces.

Doris C. Aloisi and the late Arthur R. Aloisi of Agawam, and Joan and Frank Scibelli of Wilbraham are the grandparents.



BRIANNA ASHLEY, born April 13, 2000

Timothy Gaynor & Meleen Reno Have A Baby Daughter

Timothy Gaynor and Meleen Reno would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Ashley, on April 13, 2000. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces, and measured 22½ inches long.

The baby's grandparents are Marilyn & Doug Taylor of Agawam, the late Robert Gaynor (also of Agawam), and Jim & Lucretia Reno of Decatur, Nebraska.

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IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

Lance Cpl. Michael Dimatteo Receives Special Commendation

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Dimatteo, son of Amedeo and Marina Dimatteo of 184 Tobacco Farm Road, Feeding Hills, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Corps Security Force Company, London, England.

Dimatteo was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Dimatteo consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

The 1997 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Antique Appraisal At The Dante Club

Forest Park Antiques (Daniel Myers, prop.) will host an Antique Appraisal on Wednesday, May 17th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

Sponsored by the Italian Women's Club, the cost of an appraisal for one item is \$5 and \$12 for three items.

For information, call 789-0082 or 786-2701.

"BEAUTY CORNER" - from Page 16...

Semi-permanent hair color will add color at the same level of your natural color or darker and will last four to six shampoos. **Demi-permanent** also will add color at your own natural level or darker and lasts 25 to 30 shampoos. **Permanent** color is the only color that can cover gray. If your hair is more than 30 percent gray and you want to get rid of it for good, then permanent color is for you.

When it comes to maintenance, you will need to have your new growth touched-up every four to five weeks. It is also advised to use a shampoo and conditioner for color-treated hair. Your hair type must also be considered when choosing hair care products.

Stop in and see Jennifer, and she will gladly formulate a hair care system for your special needs.

Thought for a smile: A soft spring rain.
And remember ... Beauty is our business!



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE HOMES? PART I

The Agawam Historical Association would like to include these images in the pictorial history book we are working on, but we don't know where these houses are (were) located or who owned them.

These photos were taken in 1901 by the Howes Bros. Many others from this series were taken in Feeding Hills, so it may be possible that all of these homes were located in Feeding Hills as well.

If you recognize any of these homes, or would like to see the original prints for a closer look, please call David Cecchi at 731-7600 (days) or 789-3338 (eve.).

We are still accepting photographs for publication. We especially need photos of farms! In order to make our publishing deadline, we must have all photos in hand by the end of May.

More unidentified photos will appear in the weeks to come!

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Church News

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Faith for Beginners." The Bible reading is Luke 24:36-48. Ushers will be Ben and Sharon Rozanski.

Chris and Andy Kretschmar will be our Acolytes. Social Hour will be hosted by Carol Taylor. Children are invited to worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

A set of keys was found in the church hall. They are attached to a Spartan Muffler tag with a 1999 calendar.

If they belong to you, please call the office at 786-5061.

Please note that Elaine will be away on Thursday, May 11th. The office will be closed on that day.

The Worship Committee has made a change in this month's meeting date.

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, May 10th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

Operation Friendship will present the mystery dinner "Murder Most Criminal" on May 6th and 13th at this church at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and include the show and a full dinner.

The menu for the evening is a choice of entree (roast beef, capon, or vegetarian ziti), tossed salad, baked potato, vegetable, bread and butter, dessert, and beverage. Call Debbie at 786-9780 for reservations.

On the calendar:

Friday, May 5th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, May 6th: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Creative Memories; 6:30 p.m., OF Mystery Dinner Theater.

Sunday, May 7th: 10:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, May 8th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Property Committee; 7:30 p.m., Board of Christian Education.

Tuesday, May 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Worship Committee.

Wednesday, May 10th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, May 11th: Office closed; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Communion will be celebrated here at St. John's on May 13th. Because of the size of the class, we will have two Masses: one at 9:00 a.m., and the other at 11:00 a.m. The parents should have the schedule for rehearsals.

Our Religious Education classes have concluded for the school year. We are most grateful to Annette Reynolds and Carol Flood who oversaw the program this year, and to their battery of teachers and aides who faithfully provided their time and talent to help our children prepare to become the adult Catholics of tomorrow.

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Committee is preparing for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter. Anyone who would like to submit an article is asked to call Donna Gregory at 788-7681 as soon as possible.

Names are still being accepted for a name for the newsletter.

We could use some creative ideas and reporters to prepare some special articles. We would love to hear from you.

Call Donna or see Fr. Howard.

PLAN AHEAD

The Parish Picnic will be held this year on August 27th. We are already preparing and looking for anyone who would like to participate.

We are looking for volunteers for the ever-popular "dunking booth," as well as chairs for the various activities.

There is room for you! Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

OVER-60 CLUB

There is still room for the Victorian Cape May Trip, June 12th-15th (four days/three nights, \$335). Non-members are welcome. Deadline: May 12th.

We will be seeing "Sleeping Beauty," the full-length ballet, on Thursday, July 6th. There are a few seats available; the cost is \$63.

A trip to see "Sail Boston 2000 - Tall Ships" will take place on July 12th. Seats are still available; the cost is \$69.

If you are interested in any of these activities, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

The Guild Shoe Sale will be held on May 9th in the Parish Center from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Best local news with us, each & every week...

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Events Calendar From Sacred Church In Feeding Hills

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, May 5th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 14th), you will once again have the opportunity to purchase roses at a donation of \$1 each. They will be sold outside (weather permitting) of each of the three doors of the church.

The donation goes to support Pro-Life.

PARISH PICNIC

A date has been chosen for our Parish Picnic; it is Saturday, June 10th. Many have enjoyed this annual picnic, even in inclement weather. The children have enjoyed the face-painting and the many other games. Mark your calendar for this parish event.

A meeting of the Picnic Committee will be held on Monday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. If you have ideas to enhance this event, please come to the meeting.

PANTRY WALK 2000

The Annual Pantry Walk for the benefit of the Loaves & Fishes Open Pantry will be held on May 7th to support the soup kitchen, emergency food pantry, and holiday meals for the poor and homeless of Greater Springfield.

Contributions supporting those walking from Sacred Heart can be placed in the collection basket or given to an usher at all Masses on May 6th and 7th.

Cash should be in an envelope marked "Pantry Walk." Checks can be made out to Open Pantry Community Services.

Anyone who would like to take part in this 10K walk through Forest Park on a sunny Sunday, please call Mary Zu'bi at 786-3110.

Some pledge sheets are available for those who wish to collect pledges from friends and neighbors.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

The Right Kind Of Faith

What kind of faith do you need to be forgiven of your sins and to obtain peace with God? The right kind of faith focuses on Jesus Christ. Here's what to do:

1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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Sin Eradicated

It would generally be agreed that nobody is perfect. Everybody, including each of us, has made behavioral mistakes. Behavioral mistakes include, but are not limited to, moral lapses, outbursts of anger, dishonesty, or unfaithfulness. Some of our mistakes have been great, while others have been smaller. In either case, we've all made them.

The Bible calls behavioral mistakes "sin." Sin always has consequences. Sin often separates people from one another. Sin always separates people from God.

Many of the popular religions of today don't address the problem of sin. Many modern religions are effectively or essentially self-help programs. Some modern religions embrace the 12-Step acknowledgement of submitting to "a higher power"; but at best, that "higher power" is an unknown, or nameless, god.

Christianity knows nothing of an unknown god. We proclaim that God has made Himself known. In fact, God has not only made Himself known, He has actually visited our planet in person.

That which we have known from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make your joy complete.

The gods of the ancient Greek and Roman religions were at least as full of sin as any person, and sometimes more. The unknown gods of the modern religions don't address sin. But God, who has made Himself known through Jesus Christ, addresses sin directly. He doesn't like it, nor does He abide with it.

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you; God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

Of course, Christians are real people like anybody else, and we sin. We are not supposed to; and to varying degrees, we try not to sin, but nevertheless we do sin. Fortunately for us, God has made a provision for us so that we may properly and adequately address our sins.

If we claim to be without us, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God has said,

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." When God forgives us our sins and purifies us from all unrighteousness, He truly eradicates our sins. When He chooses to remember their sins no more, He has truly torn our sin out of our lives by its very roots; He has gotten rid of it, He has wiped it away completely.

Rather than drive ourselves, as well as everybody who knows us, crazy by constantly denying our wrongdoing, we can honestly address our sin problem without fear of losing God's grace in the process. In fact, if we deny the existence of our sins, that is when we run the risk of losing God's grace in our lives.

If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives.

Some people might object that Christianity is too exclusive and claims for itself "the only way." Well, no other religion, ancient or modern, offers us a real live Savior. As the Bible says, "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus Christ) under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Rather than resisting Jesus Christ and Christianity on the basis of some intellectual dissatisfaction that Jesus and Christianity are not broad-minded enough, wouldn't it make more sense to accept what God has done for us? Besides, it turns out that Christianity is not exclusive, but rather inclusive; and that God is broad-minded after all.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Church News - continued...**Church News From
Faith Bible Church**

A church tag/bake sale has been scheduled for May 12th and 13th to raise money for our building fund.

We will be collecting items for the next week and should have quite a bit of interesting and useful items. We will also have baked goods for sale.

May 14th is Mother's Day, and Faith Bible Church will be having a Baby Dedication at our second service at 10:30 a.m.

This is always a special time.

On May 28th, Memorial Day weekend will be a baptism at the second service at 10:30 a.m., and following the service we will be having our first picnic of the year.

This always is quite an event and more food than any of us need, but it never stops the wondering of what everyone will bring as a potluck or for the grill. We will also have a volleyball game and basketball for all who are interested in playing and like competition for the younger ones.

Just a reminder: we are still holding Women's Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Church, and nursery is always provided.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**

Sunday: 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., 1st Service; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 2nd Service; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Coffee/Fellowship.

Tuesday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bible Study/Book of Revelation.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Service.

Friday: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

Saturday: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Leadership Prayer & Meeting; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Music Practice; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Outreach.

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**Calendar From
Ag. Congregational**

On the Third Sunday of Easter (May 7th), the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) will hold its worship service at 10:30 a.m., with Church School at 9:00 a.m.

A series of Lay Reader training sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Bryan Hall and be led by Rev. Eric Bascom. Participants will discover a variety of dramatic ways in which to present Scripture in worship.

Because this is a Family Communion Sunday, children and adults will receive Holy Communion together in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. The pastor will give a story/sermon entitled, "The Surprising Thing God Did."

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

Mark your calendars! The Friendship Committee is sponsoring a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tables are \$10 each. Call 786-7111 to reserve yours today.

Don't forget to also mark your calendars for May 20th, when the church will be holding a cabaret and dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. More details to follow next week.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

**Catholic Women's
Club Of Agawam To
Hold May Banquet**

The East Mountain Country Club, located on East Mountain Road in Westfield, will be the site of the annual May banquet of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam on Monday, May 8th. The banquet will begin with a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairwomen of this year's banquet committee are Marty Jerry and Terry Longo. Joan Malinowski, President, will conduct the final monthly meeting for the year.

The slate of officers for the 2000-2001 year are Rev. Howard McCormick, Chaplain and Spiritual Advisor; Mary Gontczaruk, 1st Vice-President; Theresa Barlow, 2nd Vice-President; Jackie Touissant, Secretary; Angela Beaudry, Treasurer; Janet Wysocki, Assistant Treasurer; and Directors Betsy Ciempa, Alice Buell, and Peggy Lepper.

**Doll Show & Tea Party
Slated For May 20th
At First Baptist**

There will be a Doll Show and Tea Party on May 20th in Bodurtha Hall of the First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam.

The dolls are from the collections of members and friends of the church, from many categories. Some are well-loved, and some are in mint condition. None will be for sale.

There will be old, new, homemade, and store-bought. We will have porcelain dolls that are one-of-a-kind because the owner made them. We are hoping to share them with doll lovers.

The time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on May 20th will be used for sharing the fond memories of our childhood with some of the younger girls and their parents or grandparents.

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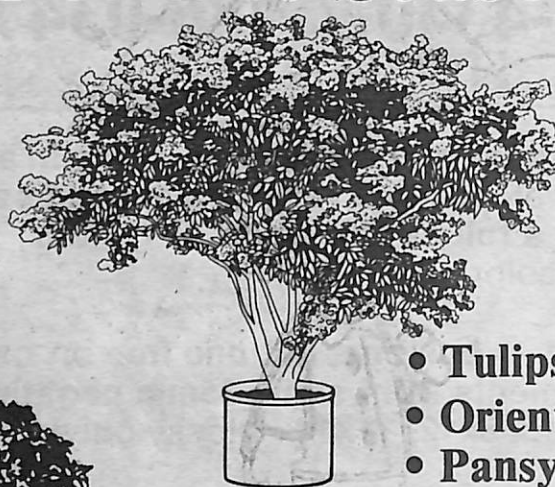
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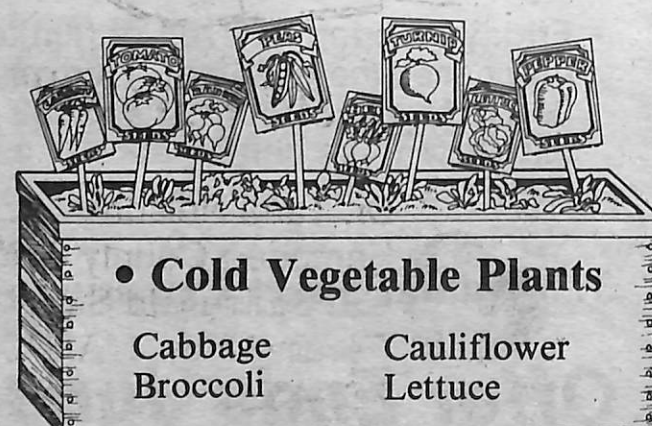
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Announcements From First Baptist Church In Agawam

The Ordinance of Communion will be observed on Sunday, May 7th at First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street.

Rev. Barnes' sermon title will be "Restored for a Reason" and the Scripture reading will be from 1 John chapter 3 verses 1-10.

Visitors are always welcome to our Sunday services. Childcare is available during worship. An opportunity for fellowship and refreshments follows the worship service and then Sunday School classes for all ages.

A new music appreciation class entitled "All Ears" will begin on Sunday. Anyone interested in contemporary Christian music is welcome to be part of this class.

The Women's Fellowship will hold their annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9th. We invite all women to attend and welcome all input as we plan for the year ahead.

A Car Wash will be held at the church on Saturday, May 13th and a Pancake Breakfast on May 14th.

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and can be reached at 413-786-7300.

Dinner Cabaret On May 20th At Ag. Congregational

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, will be hosting "A Century of Music," a Dinner Cabaret Evening to be held on Saturday, May 20th.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., with cabaret at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Raffle and door prizes will be featured. A quilt has been made as a raffle offering. The winning ticket for the quilt will be drawn at the Cabaret. (You do not need to be present to win.)

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"Forgetting Cigarettes":

2-part smoking cessation program that uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes. Sunday, May 14 and Sunday, May 21, 7:00-8:30 pm, Bronson Music Room. Limited seating, pre-registration is necessary. Fee is \$40.00.

Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery Seminar:

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 pm, Conference Room B, Noble Hospital. Join Gary Russolillo M.D. for a lecture about body-contouring surgeries, lip enhancements, facial surgeries and skin care procedures. Includes a live chemical peel demonstration. Complimentary personal consultation follows the presentation. Free registration, seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Osteoporosis Lecture:

Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm, Conference Room A. Robert Wool, M.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist, will speak about osteoporosis and ways to maintain good bone health. Program is free of charge and open to the public. Seating is limited, pre-registration is recommended.

CPR Course:

Wednesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The American Heart Association CPR classes are held monthly. Two-part Basic Life Support programs provide training for adult, child and infant CPR as well as first aid for choking. To register, call Noble Hospital CPR Line at (413) 572-5172. Fee is \$45.00.

"If It's Herbal, Is it Good for Me?":

Thursday, May 18 at 2:00 pm at Crane Auditorium, The American Inn, Route 202, Southwick. Kelly Senecal, a Registered Pharmacist at Noble Hospital, will provide information you may not have about several common herbal products available in the United States. Program is free of charge and open to the public. Tour The American Inn after the program. Call Health Beat (413) 568-2328 to pre-register and for directions.

First Aid & CPR:

Saturday, May 20, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Education Department, Noble Hospital. For lifeguards, camp counselors, recreation workers, day care providers, health care and fitness personnel who need both First Aid & CPR certification. \$65.00 fee. Call Noble Hospital CPR Line to sign up (413) 572-5172.

Footsteps for Home Health and Hospice Walk:

Dedicated to the Memory of Jerry Fouche, to benefit Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services. Saturday, May 20, Park Square, Westfield. Check-in 9:00 am. Walk 10:00 am, Prizes/Refreshments 11:00 am. Registration forms at Noble Hospital Development Office, NVNHS, Westfield Fire Department and Sub-Stations, and Colton Insurance. For more information call NVNHS at (413) 562-7049.

Six Weeks to Better Eating:

A Weight Management Seminar, 6 Wednesdays, May 24 and 31, June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, The Women's Center at Noble Hospital. The Women's Center at Noble Hospital and Absolute Wellness and Spa are offering a 6-week program to assist you in reaching and maintaining a healthy weight. Fee is \$110.00. Registration is limited. Call (413) 572-5140 for information or to register.

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Save the Date:

June 1, 2000. Joe Piscatella, a nationally known expert who is recognized for his sensible approach to healthier living, presents "Raising Healthy Kids in a Doubleburger, .Com World," 7:00 pm, Westfield Middle School North - Auditorium. Joe Piscatella appears on Public Television as well as on the Today Show and Good Morning America. Sponsored by Noble Hospital and Westfield Bank. Admission is free, tickets required and available from Noble Hospital Development Office, Westfield Bank and branches, or by calling Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.



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Spotlight On Business

Agawam Realtors Honored With International Awards

Coldwell Banker honors eight Agawam Realtors with international awards. The Realtors were affiliated with Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates' Agawam office.

In total, 22 Keenan & Molta agents have been named to Coldwell Banker's President's Circle, Diamond Society or Sterling Society. "These awards show that our local agents stand out among thousands of Coldwell Banker associates working all over the world," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

Agawam sales associates Priscilla Harman was named to the **International President's Circle**. It's a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top 12 percent of Coldwell Banker's 70,000 sales associates worldwide.

Five Agawam agents join the **International Diamond Society**: Diane Drewnowski, Chet Kasperek, Margaret Lis-Barone, Kathy Neilsen, and Frank Pinney. This award recognizes the top 20 percent of Coldwell Banker's sales associates.

Two Agawam agents have been named to the **International Sterling Society**, another high honor bestowed by Coldwell Banker. Honorees from the Agawam office are Sue Berselli and John Langevin.

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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Starting A Woman-Owned Business? Be Sure To Take These Five Steps (Part I Of II)

If you are a woman thinking about launching a new business venture, you're not alone. In fact, according to the Small Business Administration Office of Women's Business Ownership, women are starting new firms at twice the rate of all other businesses.

Other recent data shows the number of women-owned firms in the U.S. has doubled in the last 12 years to more than nine million, and women own more than 30 percent of all businesses in the United States today.

If you are considering joining the ranks of other female entrepreneurs, consider these five steps to help you get started on the right track:

1. **Do your homework.** Before jumping in with both feet, talk with others engaged in the kind of business you are considering. Their experiences can provide you with a wealth of information. If you find it difficult to identify local business owners with whom to talk, consider seeking out on-line news groups dedicated to women-owned businesses. You may find answers to many of your questions there.

You may also want to test your ideas in the marketplace. Your concept should not only take

advantage of your skills and experience, but also fulfill a consumer need. Marketing research can help you determine if an opportunity exists. If your research results indicate the marketplace is saturated with the type of business you plan to open, you may need to alter your product or service, or choose another location.

2. **Evaluate your personal situation.** It's no secret that a start-up venture is a time-consuming endeavor. Chances are you may need to devote more time to your new business than your current employment requires. Try to realistically evaluate the time requirement of your start-up and how that will fit in with your other commitments.

If you are concerned your initial cash flow won't meet your income requirements, you may need to supplement your income with part-time employment. In this case, consider the impact of the additional time demand on you, your family, and your new venture.

3. **Prepare a business plan.** A well-crafted business plan will force you to take an objective, critical look at your project. Begin with a concise statement of your business purpose. Then write down where you are now and your vision of where you want to be in six months, five years, and 10 years — both personally and in your business.

Next, determine what it will take for you to move from one point to the next in your vision. Is that realistic? Will you have the financial and personal resources necessary to do it? (A business plan template is available at www.americanexpress.com/smallbusiness/resources/tools/ if you are looking for a tool to help you develop your plan.)

Creating your plan will also give you practice in thinking, problem-solving, assessing competitive conditions, and recognizing situations that may be harmful to your business — skills that will help you develop as a manager and a successful leader.

(Steps four and five will be published in next week's edition.)

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Kenneth Askins Joins Keenan & Molta's Longmeadow Office

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates welcomes a new agent to its Longmeadow office. Kenneth Askins is the newest member of the Keenan & Molta team.

"Ken will be a great addition to our award-winning Longmeadow office," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates. Askins joins 75 Keenan & Molta Realtors working in five offices located throughout Western Massachusetts.

Kenneth Askins is new to real estate, but he's not new to Western Massachusetts. He grew up here, and currently lives in East Longmeadow. Askins is looking forward to meeting new people, and taking on the challenge of real estate. For the past nine years, he's worked as a licensed practical nurse, and will pursue both jobs simultaneously. When he's not working, Askins enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf.

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IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

Basic Money Management Mistakes

This week, let's review the more common mistakes that I regularly see in personal money management. I strongly urge you to review each area in depth to see if any of them apply to you. Rate each one on a scale of 1-10 (number one being your weak point ... number 10 being your best).

Once you have identified the area that needs the most attention, set a goal to eliminate that problem. NOW, make a "To-Do List" of your specific plan. Review the plan with all parties involved, and begin the process, checking your progress on a weekly basis. Don't stop until you have accomplished your goal.

Personal money management is something that EVERYONE is involved in. It's only a matter of if you decide to do it well OR poorly. It's entirely your decision.

Here's my list...

- **Only one family member is involved in financial affairs...** Give one spouse ultimate responsibility for making the daily decisions, but both should always be involved with the annual and long-term financial planning. Your goals will be easier to attain when everyone in the family is pulling in the same direction.

- **Your goals are not written down on paper where they can be reviewed on a constant basis...** Having them "in your head" is not good enough. Put a priority rating and dollar amount on each goal. Review them regularly.

- **You have no family budget...** I'm amazed at the amount of income that some families earn, yet they always tell me they don't know where their money goes. Spend a week and jot down on a note every time you spend your money. Analyze the results at the end of the week. Remember, it's not how much you earn, it's how you spend it.

- **The family has no excess liability (umbrella) insurance...** For only several hundred dollars per year, the average family can get \$1,000,000 in excess liability coverage. It could be one of the wisest investments you ever make. Be sure to contact your insurance agent.

(To be continued next week...)

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Making The Move Easier For Your Child...

Preparing a child for a move can be difficult for both the parent and the child.

Here are some tips from Mary Jane Beach, licensed marriage and family therapist and co-director of Bridges Associates in Hyannis, to help smooth the way to a new place and speed up the time it can take to make new friends.

- Use the Internet to get information on the town and school where you'll be moving to, or ask the Realtor you are working with in that area. I have access to "The School Report" and "Know Thy Neighborhood," which give factual information about school systems and neighborhoods.

- Visit the library or bookstore, where parents can find books for children of various ages that discuss moving.

- If possible, bring your children to visit their new hometown before the actual move occurs.

- Document their lives being left behind with a video camera, photo album, or journal.

- When telling a child about the planned move, use clear, direct, upbeat, and simple language.

- If there have been educational problems for children in the past, try to visit the new school ahead of time to discuss ways to make the child's transition go as smoothly as possible.

- Prepare your children for their friends' reaction to the news that they will be leaving.

- Some young children use their pet to express their feelings. Ask your child how the dog might feel about moving and ask, "Do you feel the way the dog does?"

- Teenagers can get a part-time job to earn money to travel and visit old friends or pay for long-distance phone bills.

- Also, kids can meet new friends by becoming involved in organizations pertaining to their interests and talents.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Legal
Memo

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Massachusetts Death Taxes

The concept of taxing the transfer of assets at death began in Massachusetts in 1891 with an inheritance tax on "legacies and successions" to non-family members.

In 1907, Massachusetts enacted an inheritance tax for transfers to direct family members. The inheritance tax differed from an estate tax in the amount of the inheritance tax depended on the beneficiary's/heir's relationship to the decedent.

The more closely related the heir was to the decedent, the lower the tax. Massachusetts replaced its inheritance tax with an estate tax. An estate tax taxes the transfer of the decedent's assets at his death. In general, the estate tax is based on the size of the gross estate, not on who the assets are transferred to. There are certain deductions from the estate tax for transfers made to the surviving spouse and to charities.

Massachusetts is in the process of repealing its estate tax and replacing with a sponge tax. The repeal of the estate tax was brought about because of a concern that the Massachusetts estate tax had a direct effect on retirees moving to other more tax-favorable states, such as Florida. Their move resulted in a loss of revenue in income and sales taxes and other revenues.

Once the Massachusetts gross estate has been determined, the adjusted gross estate is arrived at by deducting the funeral expenses, claims against the estate, outstanding liens, estate administration expenses, losses and expenses of administering the property not subject to claims.

From the adjusted gross estate, the marital and charitable deductions are subtracted to arrive at the Massachusetts taxable estate. It is the Massachusetts taxable estate that the rates are applied against.

For decedents dying prior to January 1, 1997, there may be a Massachusetts estate tax due. For decedents dying on or after January 1, 1995, there is an exemption of \$500,000. This increases by \$100,000 to \$600,000 for decedents dying on or after January 1, 1996. This exemption is a threshold to taxation.

If the estate exceeds \$500,000 for a decedent who dies in 1995, the threshold disappears and the entire estate, less any available deductions, is subject to estate tax. The estate tax is computed either by (i) the taxable in M.G.L.A. c.65C section 2(a) or (ii) 20 percent of the amount by which the Massachusetts net estate exceeds begins at five percent and increases to a maximum of 16 percent. The estate tax which is due is the lower of those amounts.

There is a lien for the payment of Massachusetts estate taxes on the decedent's gross estate. **THIS LIEN ATTACHES AUTOMATICALLY** to any Real Estate in which the decedent had an interest. **EVEN REAL ESTATE** jointly held, thus, if one joint owner dies, the surviving joint owner takes the real property subject to the estate tax lien which must be released to clear title even if there are no estate taxes due.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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We will hold a practice (a familiar word from your past) at the Agawam Studio, 1325 Springfield St., Feeding Hills on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00

a.m.-12:00 noon for all who wish to participate. Come and bring a friend.

Please pass the word to any former student or parents of former students you may know as our address contacts are somewhat limited.

Please note that this group is open to any former students now over the age of 18. We hope to see you May 13th.

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Listening To Your Body...

One important aspect of health care that I encourage is that my patients be aware of their own bodies. This may sound strange, but many people don't listen to their bodies. If their body is telling them something (like pain), many people choose to ignore the signs. This can get them into big trouble.

If the body is tight, sore, or achy, it may be telling you to slow down a little and rest. How often do we ignore those little signs and push ourselves just a little more — just to get the cellar finished or the garden planted — then we pay for it the next morning? Learning to listen to your body is important to prevent injuries from occurring and to be aware of any imbalance in the body.

It's funny, because then there's the personality of listening "too much." Any little ache or pain paralyzes the person from functioning. Have you met these people? These are the people that if I say, "Take it easy for a few days," they're on the couch for three days, not moving a muscle.

Compare that to the personality where "taking it easy" means still working out, golfing, working, etc. They take an extra few minutes to stretch or decrease one repetition in their workout, or run only five miles instead of the usual 10. That's taking it easy.

Both of these extremes can be harmful. Lack of motion and immobility can cause more problems due to scar tissue and adhesions forming. Still, trying to "do it all" can cause more damage to already-damaged tissue.

The key to knowing what is right to do is getting an accurate diagnosis of the condition. A mild sprain/strain is treated a whole lot differently than a disc herniation. The next part is really listening to your body.

PAIN is your body telling you to slow down — listen to that sign. Don't ever underestimate your own "instinct" of what is right; after all, you are the only one who has known your body all your life.

LISTEN TO IT. And if you don't know what's happening, call your doctor of chiropractic today!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

"For Your Health" is just one more reason why you turn our pages each and every week...



Fitness Tips...
by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Summer Swim And Sports Camps...

Summer camps are a great way to keep the kids busy and happy during the summer. Agawam has a great selection of camps going on, including our Fitness First Camp.

We are offering three one-week sessions. The Swim and Gym camp is for the little tykes, ages three to six. Swim and Sports camp is for the big guys, ages seven through 12. We also have extended supervision hours if you need them.

It is important to research the camps you'd like to send your children to. You want to be sure they'll enjoy themselves. You certainly want good supervision. You may even want them to learn something while they are there. As I mentioned, Agawam has a lot of great facilities; let me tell you about ours.

Each camp is designed to address the needs and interests of the various stages of your child's life. The common philosophy of both camps is to improve your child's fitness and confidence through participation in a wide variety of fun programs and activities, in a non-competitive environment.

Our extensive facility includes an indoor pool, basketball, obstacle course, oversized activity rooms, and wallyball. Our neighbor, Feeding Hills Congregational Church, allows us to use their fields for all our outdoor sports. I've watched the kids really enjoy their time here.

Fitness First has excellent camper-to-staff ratios. We follow the state guidelines of 5-to-1 for children under age six, and 10-to-1 with older children. Qualified counselors remain with their assigned groups each day and will assist certified instructors in specialty areas.

Both camps offer lots of swimming and gym games. You can be assured that we will enhance your child's physical, mental, and social development while teaching good, healthy habits. Our ultimate goal is to provide a fun, safe, and progressive program for your child.

There are some minor details to check out and plan for (things like what to wear and lunch), so give us a call. My kids are already signed up for one week, and I've planned a day off in that week for some healthy "mom time," too!!!

Support Groups, Courses, & Programs At Noble Hospital

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, May 10th, 2:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Lincoln D. Russin, M.D., will host the presentation "Diagnosing Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

This program is free of charge and open to people with Crohn's & Colitis, their family members, and support persons.

For more information, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, May 30th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Diabetes Nurse Educator Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at 572-5178.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, May 10th and May 31st, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at 562-7049.

Bereavement Group: Wednesday, May 10th and May 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at 562-7049.

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Knowing what I want ...

I am worth it!

Read more about this in today's **FOR YOUR HEALTH** column.

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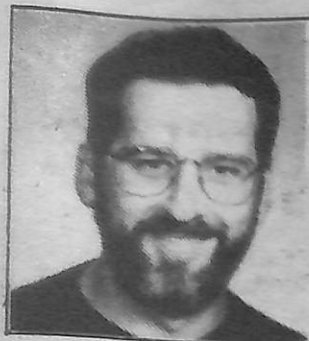
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"Let's Talk About It"

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Do You Know What You Want?

"Sure, I know exactly what I want!" could be one response. "I haven't a clue!" could be another response. Perhaps you are somewhere in the middle. I don't think you are alone.

When it comes to trying to figure out what it is I want, often I use as my starting point what someone else really wants from and for me. I'm usually pretty good at figuring this out. But that is not the question! **What is it I want?**

If it is a matter of what type of shampoo you prefer or time you want to go to bed at night, maybe your struggle isn't so earth-shaking. But if the question where to focus on how you'd like to be in a certain important relationship, well, maybe it isn't so easy.

Can you imagine the starting point for your response being *putting yourself first*? If you can't, then perhaps things are a bit out of balance in your relationships. The same can be said about always putting yourself first as being out of balance.

How, then, do you evaluate what is best? Somehow, I think, that for those of us who have led a life constantly placing how other people feel ahead of how we feel, **we just know** that things are quite out of balance. And something needs to be done differently.

If, however, you are one of those fortunate people who have led a life capable of placing yourself in "the mix" and come out with a sense of satisfaction knowing you have cared for yourself, well, then consider this question not directed toward you.

I believe half the trick of life is slowing down enough to raise this question - what do I want? For many of us, this is a frightening question. The implications to its answer may challenge us to live quite differently.

You may be considering whether to stay in a particular relationship, your marriage or your career. Even more substantial, you might be considering the implications of how you participate in your birth family or family of choice. What if you were to take seriously what you want and it looked substantially different from what your family wants from and for you?

Taking seriously what you may want may jeopardize your standing in the family, your important relationships outside the family, and even in your relationships at work. Many of us fear risking into what our answer might be. We might have to change, at least change our part in how relationships get played out.

Are you ready for this type of change in your life? For me, I find it very challenging to stop focusing on how everybody else would have me live out my life. It's particularly difficult for me, because I'm acutely aware of what my role in my family is and how important it is for the stability of my family for me not to change. Working with relationship systems as I do, I know and I know on some level members of my family system know, that if I change (or another member changes), the whole family system is changed. We can no longer relate the way we used to.

I deeply know that if I take myself seriously and face myself as a priority in my life, I will probably make a lot of people unhappy. This is especially difficult for me to do because one of my jobs in my family is to make people happy, despite the cost to me. Now there's a trap if I ever saw one.

At some point in my life, I've realized that I've tolerated enough of how it is I **should** behave and have begun to ask how it is that I'd like to best be able to care for me. I'm not talking about the kind of narcissistic preoccupation that doesn't take into consideration other people, but the kind of 'good' selfishness that finally takes me into greater consideration.

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Now this is a conflict I can value as worthwhile of my time and energy. I know that however I manage this conflict and the corresponding anxiety attached to it, it will make all the difference in the world as to how I *will know or won't know what I want*. And at this point in my life, knowing what I want is critically important for me to both proceed in taking care of myself and how I enter into relationships with others in my life.

What difference does knowing what you want make in your life? What difference could slowing down enough in your life make if you asked this question? More importantly, what difference could your life look like if you lived into your answer **more on your terms** than theirs?

The complexity of knowing what you want?

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PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

Bicycle Safety Rodeo: Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's West Silver Street parking lot. (Sponsored by the Westfield Police Department Community Police Unit, Noble Hospital, and the Westfield Kiwanis Club.)

Bring your bike and helmet (mandatory) and join the fun! There will be bicycle inspections, an obstacle course, a free bicycle raffle, and Police and Fire Department EMT Bicycle Patrols.

For more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328. (If there is rain on May 13th, please call the Health Beat to hear if the Bike Rodeo will be held.)

Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist: Sundays, May 14th and 21st, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble hospital. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble's Health Beat at 568-2328.

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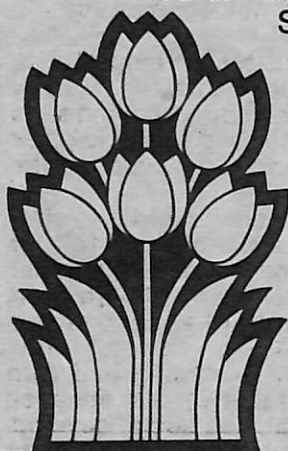
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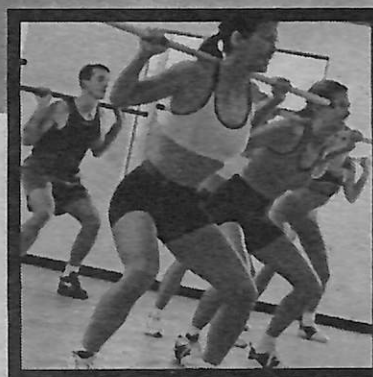
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"Spring Into Summer" is the theme for the next Sounds of Music Concert. The Singers will headline the dinner-show at the Storowton Carriage House in West Springfield on Wednesday, May 24th. The 10 singers, accompanied by Richie and Kathy Mitnick, will be presenting favorite songs of the season.

Entree selections will include Yankee pot roast, chicken francaise, and stuffed filet of sole. Reservations will be accepted by calling 733-4910 during normal business hours, or at Sounds of Music, 1060 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The show will start at 8:15 p.m.

The Sounds of Music Singers will also be appearing at the Stanley park Concert Series in Westfield on Sunday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Feeding Hills Artist Donates Work To College Art Auction

Artist Kim Saffer of Feeding Hills has donated work to the annual Montserrat College of Art Auction to be held Saturday, May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at 23 Essex St., Beverly.

More than 200 works of art, including painting, prints, photographs, sculpture, ceramics, prints, glassware, jewelry, and gift certificates by Montserrat alumni, faculty, and friends and will be for sale during both a live and silent auction.

Tickets are \$40 per person and refreshments are included. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. The building is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, call Montserrat College of Art at (978) 922-8222.

Proclaiming 'National Dance Week'



MAYOR RICHARD COHEN (center) presents a proclamation for "National Dance Week" to the proprietors of Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam (from left to right): Brenda Hadden, Lynn Hadden-Quinn, and Carol-Ann Boardway Chapin (holding baby Alexis Chapin). (Missing from photo: co-proprietor Karen Buoniconti.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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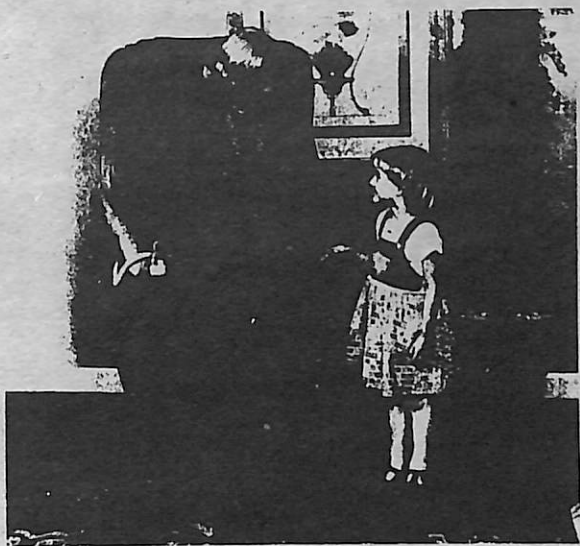
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Feel The Force ... Again!!!

With my biographical formalities out of the way last week, let's get down to business.

Clearly, the most anticipated and worthwhile new release of recent months is *Star Wars - Episode I: The Phantom Menace*. This week, I'll be reviewing this epic film, as well as the Special Editions of its three predecessors: *Star Wars: A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and *Return of the Jedi*.

For those of you not in the know, the Special Editions were the original three films remastered by the saga's brainchild, George Lucas. In an effort to fully realize his vision, Lucas digitally remastered the films' special effects and added scenes he wasn't able to effectively produce back in the late 70's and early 80's due to the limitations of the technology of the day.

Keep in mind that I am referring to the theatrical letterboxed (or widescreen) presentations of these four films. With the exception of *The Phantom Menace*, I'm going to be brief regarding the plots and discuss the technical aspects of these films.

* *Star Wars: A New Hope (The Special Edition)* - 1977 and 1997. Rated PG.

Darth Vader and the evil Empire are attempting to rule the galaxy while a band of rebels is fighting against the dictatorship of evil. Enter Luke Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Han Solo, Chewbacca, and the droids C-3PO and R2-D2.

This group, in an effort to rescue the imprisoned Princess Leia, winds up in the middle of a galactic war for freedom. Thrills and chills abound when this classic story suddenly presents a few new surprises. We actually get to see more creatures and monsters, most notably the grotesque Jabba the Hutt, who previously did not appear until the later *Return of the Jedi*. However, this is but one of many new scenes that are perfectly inserted into the original 1977 version.

The newly-enhanced special effects are also absolutely breathtaking. As expected, these inserted "extras" are very subtle yet convincing, and do not detract from the integrity of the film. These, with the addition of John Williams' digitally remastered and pounding soundtrack, are sure to be a treat for all ages.

It is truly astonishing what Lucas has done with this already-cherished film. He has finally made it possible for us to see ALL that he originally intended back in 1977, making it a masterpiece for older folks and a welcomed "new" film for a younger generation. In every way, this film is worth a trip to the video store. **5 STARS. (All ages.)**

* *The Empire Strikes Back (The Special Edition)* - 1980 and 1997. Rated PG.

The Rebellion is back, and the evil Lord Darth Vader and the Empire are seeking vengeance against them for the destruction of the Death Star battle station. This film is most remembered for revealing a major plot twist, but with all the added footage, there's even more to be in awe of.

The film's opening battle scene on the snow-ravaged planet of Hoth remains one of the best sequences in the entire saga. The growing chemistry between the characters is also noticeable. The magic of the *Star Wars* saga is exemplified with this sequel, arguably the best of the original trilogy. We meet the now-famous Yoda for the first time, as well as Billy Dee Williams' character, Lando Calrissian.

Once again, the added footage is interwoven impeccably. The best example is when Luke Skywalker is captured by the Wampa beast of Hoth. We see the creature in greater detail than before while the scene's dramatic structure remains unchanged. Lucas definitely had these scenes well-planned for utmost realism. Storyboard sketches and toy models certainly helped in this undertaking, but it is his sheer film genius that can combine the new and the old so seamlessly.

As mentioned, this film was always an important part of the saga not only because of the plot information it revealed, but because of the major characters it introduced. It is interesting to note that none of these factors were adversely affected by the revamping of the film; instead, they were further complemented. **5 STARS. (All ages.)**

* *Return of the Jedi (The Special Edition)* - 1983 and 1997. Rated PG.

The Empire is nearly completed with its second Death Star. The Rebel Alliance is fighting to prevent its completion. This film also has its share of plot surprises (which are always welcomed by audiences).

As with *The Empire Strikes Back*, however, these surprises retain their original impact in spite of the lengthy expansion of such scenes as Jabba the Hutt's palace and the finale. Take note of the conclusion of the film, where true buffs can get a

glimpse of Coruscant, the city where a great deal of *The Phantom Menace* took place many years before.

Fans of the classic versions of these films will also notice the inclusion of many more Rebel fighter ships during the intense battle scenes upon the new Death Star. This is where the widescreen presentation is so crucial; much of this cinema magic is missed in the regular pan-and-scan version.

Of course, there's the formulaic happy ending, but let's face it; this works so well with this particular film that an ending like that of *The Empire Strikes Back* (where the good guys didn't necessarily win) wouldn't have been fulfilling.

The significance of the title, *Return of the Jedi*, has been in wide debate among fans for years. Does it refer to Darth Vader or Luke Skywalker? That is left up to the individual viewer. The important thing is that the movie will enthrall audiences and make an impact upon anyone who sees it for the first time; and, with all the new effects, it makes for a timeless masterpiece to be enjoyed for years to come. **5 STARS. (All ages.)**

* *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace*. 1999. Rated PG.

For years, fans of the *Star Wars* trilogy have eagerly awaited the next chapter in the saga. In May 1999, their wish was granted when *The Phantom Menace* was released. The drawing power of the franchise quickly propelled the prequel to second place on the all-time list of highest-grossing films.

Set approximately 30 years before *Star Wars: A New Hope*, we are introduced to a young Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Jedi Master, Qui-Gon Jinn. They are sent as ambassadors by the young Queen Amidala (played brilliantly by Natalie Portman) of the planet Naboo to stop a trade blockade.

During their adventure, they encounter Jar Jar

Binks, a strange, amphibious lifeform whom they reluctantly befriend, as well as a young boy named Anakin Skywalker (later Darth Vader). They soon learn that the young boy strongly possesses the Force, and request that he be trained as a Jedi. A war ensues over the trade blockade and the group fights for the people of Naboo.

This film ties in well with the events of the later films. We see many characters from the classic films in their early years. We meet the insidious but strangely delightful Darth Maul, Jedi of the Dark Sith, and his master, Darth Sidious (later the Emperor). As expected by now, the film is phenomenal — true escapism at its best!

Liam Neeson is remarkable as Qui-Gon, and Ewan McGregor plays well with him as Obi-Wan. The cinematography goes far beyond what most would expect, and this (coupled yet again with Williams' music) makes for a movie experience unmatched in recent years.

The Phantom Menace boasts great classically trained actors playing so well together that you often forget you are watching a movie! I am still amazed at how these actors talk to characters that don't exist and make it so believable. Watch for the scenes involving the pod races on Tatooine, for these are some of the best scenes in the film (although there are many!).

George Lucas has done it again. Perfect casting, perfect soundtrack, and perfect storyline give this film the impact it has. This, aside from the fact that it's a prequel to three other masterpieces, makes the wait well worth it. I really would be hard-pressed to find a better film that came out last year. Best of all, the whole family can see it together! **5 STARS. (All ages.)**

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Operation Friendship To Present 'Mystery Dinner' On May 6th & 13th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program, will be presenting "Murder Most Criminal" on May 6th and 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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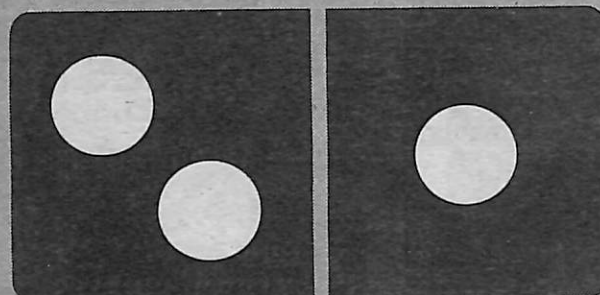
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tor, Armand DuBois, has been challenged to solve this crime. Will he save the day? Or will there be a murder on the Orient Express? To find out how this story ends, purchase a ticket for the mystery dinner.

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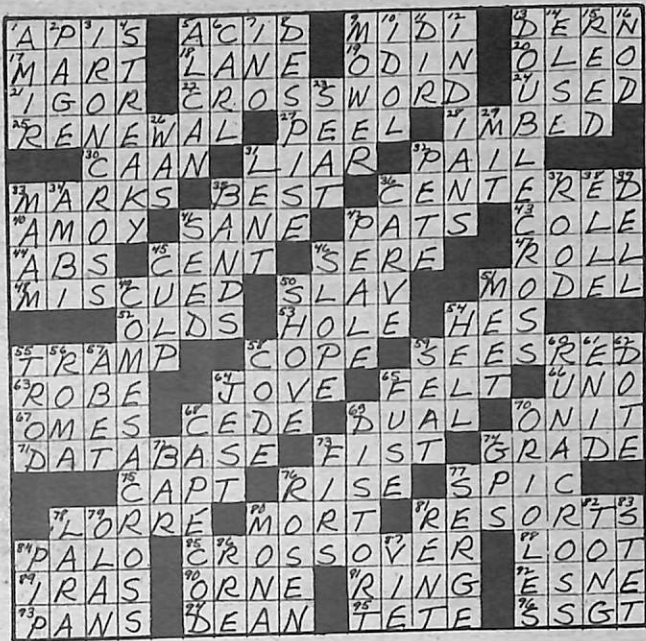
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At Stanley Park...

New England Artisans To Appear At WestFest On May 20th & 21st

Artists, craftsmen, and photographers from throughout New England will be participating in the WestFest Arts Festival's Juried Arts & Crafts Show at Stanley Park in Westfield.

On Saturday, May 20th, and Sunday, May 21st, 100 exhibitors working in a wide variety of media will transform the park's rose garden and pavilion areas into a brightly colored swirl of creative activity.

Western Massachusetts artisans whose wares will be on sale will include the following:

* Terry Meyer from Granby, MA, will showcase her pottery made in the Spatterware tradition. She has been featured in *Country Living Magazine*.

* Sharon Florek of Westfield will bring her popular cement birdbaths.

* Gerry Garner and Marilyn Monette will showcase their Bonzai pieces.

* Bill Mikuski of Blandford will offer unique handcrafted coin banks.

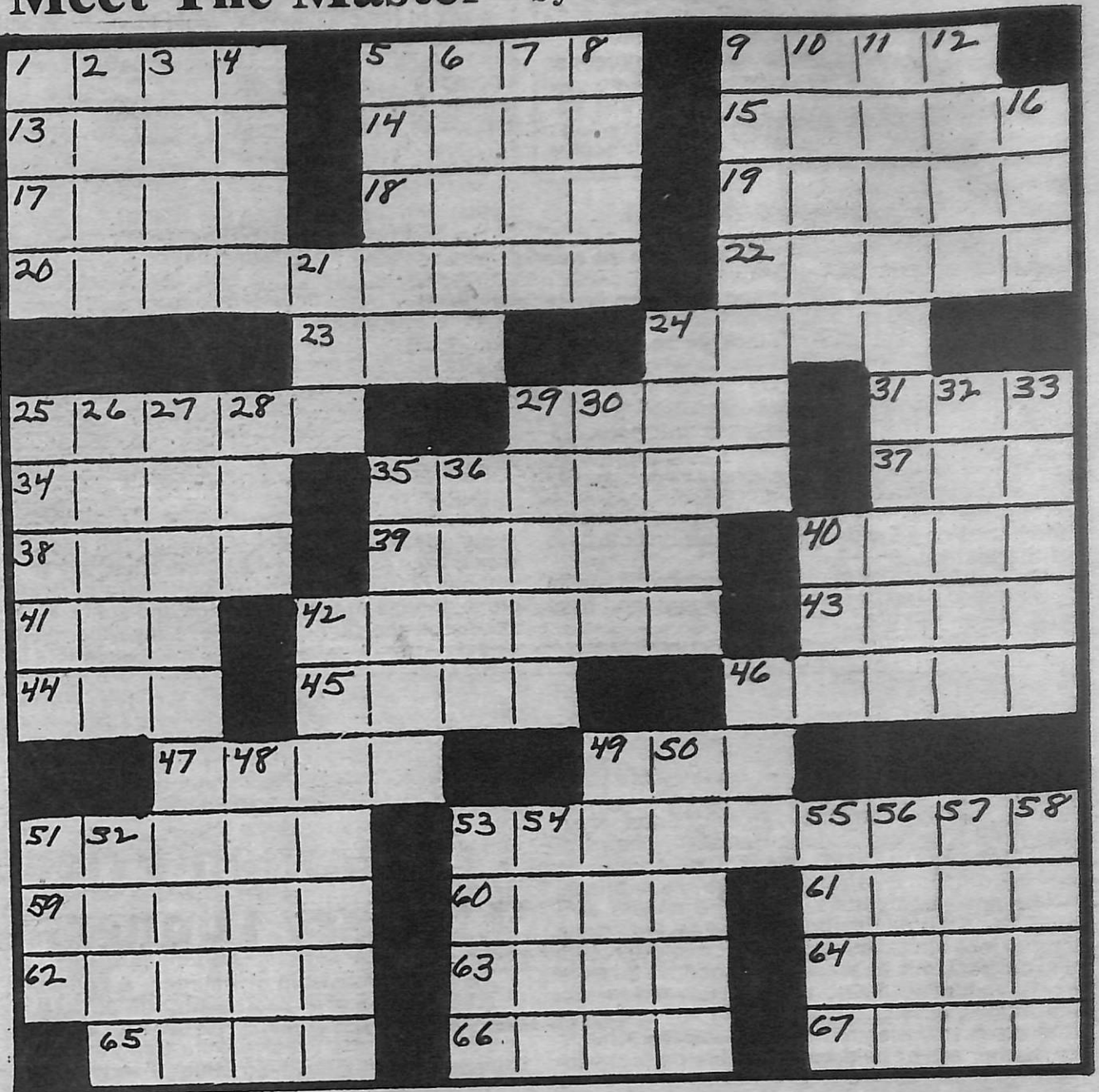
* One should not miss the beautiful opal and amethyst jewelry designed by Loren Clark of Ohio.

* William Pette will showcase his fine original pastel paintings.

* Larry Preston, an award-winning artist, will be at this year's festival, as well as many returning artisans from years' past.

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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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Artist demonstrations will be featured on both days of the festival.

Starting the weekend demonstrations will be Robert Collier, who will demonstrate pastel painting on Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Collier has received numerous awards for his works created in the "realist tradition."

From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Pat Conant will demonstrate the fine art of printmaking. Ms. Conant (an award-winning printmaker, painter, and muralist) has exhibited nationally, and her work is in many private and commercial collections.

On Sunday, festivalgoers will be treated to a wood-carving demonstration from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. by award-winning wood carver Robert Anderson. Anderson has shown his carvings at open competitions and juried art shows throughout New England.

Wendy Jensen, a professional basket maker from Great Barrington, will demonstrate the fine art of basketmaking. Do not miss this presentation from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.!

Visitors to WestFest will also find music, jugglers, mimes, and theater presentations throughout the weekend. Displays of youth art and hands-on activities are available on both days of the festival.

On Saturday and Sunday, children will be able to construct their own paper dragons and have their faces painted.

Terrific food and beverages will be available, along with ample, free on-site parking.

All activities are handicap-accessible, and admission is free!

Junior Women's Club Slates Arts & Crafts Fair For June 3rd

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 26th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far. The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items. Come see the selection of high-quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street (Route 159) in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 70 to 80 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win.

"The Food Dude"

by John Walters
WHYN AM 560



Tuning-Up The BBQ Grills...

Hi, I am John Walters. I'm the Food Dude. Listen to my radio show. I broadcast every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560. My show is dedicated to helping you have more fun in the kitchen.

This week's column is a reminder that it's time to take out the BBQ grills.

It's been a long winter, and that grill needs some tuning-up. First, remove all of the lava rocks. Take as much of the burner assembly apart without disturbing it too much. Use a stiff wire brush and clean the burner nice and shiny. Never submerge the burner in water. Leave the igniter system alone. Just check it to make sure it is firing.

Replace any parts that are really worn. Run those grates and rocks through your dishwasher. Make sure that the rocks are really dry before you use them.

Fire up the grill after you have it all back together. Let the temp come up nice and high, so that you kill any organisms that have come to call your grill home. Now you're ready to cook.

Let's give you a great way for doing pork ribs. Have your butcher cut the large end off for you. Trim them up nice and pre-cook the ribs.

In a large skillet, simmer the ribs in a mixture of water, liquid smoke, and beef bouillon. DO NOT OVERCOOK THEM.

Let the ribs cool; now, spice them.

I use a mix of John Walters Spice — two TB of seasoning, 1 Tsp of paprika, and a ½ c brown sugar.

If you like them spicy, add some red pepper to taste.

Set up your grill this way. Turn only one side of the burner on. Place your meats on the side without the flame so you can roast it more than just grilling.

Grill the ribs 'til you see the meat starting to pull away from the bone (without burning them).

Now add your sauce. Never let the sauce burn; just let it bubble up and get hot, then remove immediately and serve.

Now, you have the right way to grill pork ribs on your gas grill. If you have a Smoker Cooker, read the instructions that came with it and you will make a really good BBQ.

Any time you are grilling, you can add some smoke for flavor. In an old pie tin, put some dry wood chips; then put the chips on the flame side of the grill and your food on the other side.

This is John Walters; I'll be talking to you on the radio.

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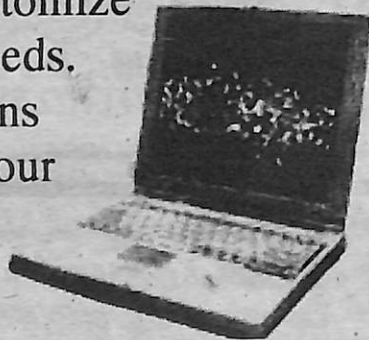


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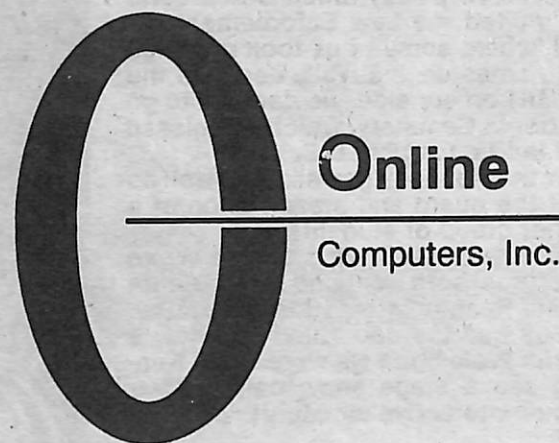
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Education

Sixth-Grade Travelers Return From D.C. Trip

Seventy-three sixth-graders from Agawam Middle School and their 23 chaperones left on April 16th and headed to the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Science Center.

We, unfortunately, did not have enough time to go in the Statue. However, the rain did hold off and we were able to get some pictures of Lady Liberty and the New York skyline. After returning on the ferry, we went to the Science Center, where we viewed and interacted with the exhibits and saw a 3-D show and the movie *Wolves* in the IMAX Theater. In the evening, we had a DJ/pizza party and finally called it a night.

Upon our arrival in Washington, D.C., it was raining, so we decided to be indoors and view exhibits in the museums. Boy, were they crowded! Dinner that night was at Planet Hollywood. The restaurant was closed to everyone except our tour group, so we didn't see any movie stars. After dinner, even though we got a little wet, we went to see the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

It was a good thing that most of us were prepared for rain, because on day three, we spent the morning at the National Zoo, in the rain. It was still fun and not too crowded at all. From there, we toured the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and saw the money being made. Too bad they don't give out samples!

The Holocaust Museum was our next stop. We then returned to the Mall area to see more of the Smithsonian Museum of our choice. At dinner, we all learned to be spies. We were divided into groups (countries) and competed against one another trying to locate the headquarters of the enemy agency. Congratulations to team China, which was the first to come up with the right location.

On Wednesday, we started our day with a guided tour of the Library of Congress. What a beautiful building! From there, we met with Congressman Richard Neal, sat on the Congressional floor, had a tour of the U.S. Capitol building, and even stood in the geographical center of Washington, D.C.

Lunch was at the very busy Union Station and from there, we visited the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, where some of us took rubbings of some of the names on the wall. Because the weather was finally on our side, we decided to go to Arlington National Cemetery, which we missed on our first day in Washington, D.C.

There, we saw the Kennedy gravesite as well as the changing of the guard and presentation of a wreath by another group of students.

Our next stop was a short visit to the White House to get pictures, both front and back. Dinner was at the Ronald Reagan International Building, where some of us had the opportunity to view a piece of the Berlin Wall. Soon we were off to Kennedy Center to see a stage show called *Shear Madness*, a riotous interactive whodunit. What an enjoyable time!

It was now time to start heading back to Agawam, with a stop in Philadelphia to visit the U.S. Mint (we saw paper money being made, now it would be coins). After lunch, we met costumed guides who brought us on a walking tour around Historic Philadelphia, showing us the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Christ Church, Betsy Ross' house, among other places.

Once again we boarded our buses, but this time, we were looking forward to seeing our families and having a good, long night's sleep once we reached home.

For those of you who are interested, you can view some of the places we visited by logging on to <http://people.ne.mediaone.net/annepruit/trip-todc.htm>. My thanks to Anne Pruitt for posting the pictures to share with us, and to *The Agawam Advertiser News* for printing our notices and articles and, of course, to the chaperones who took time out of their schedules to come along.

Hey, guys, the gifts were unnecessary, but fun to receive and greatly appreciated. A final note to this year's fifth-graders; it's your turn next April, so start planning now!

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.



IN TOP PHOTO: The sixth-graders from Agawam Middle School on the steps at the U.S. Capitol. IN PHOTO BELOW: "BE SURE TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!!!" — Angela Virella, Ashley Weir, Allison Ventulett, Morgan Leos, Laura Cote, Eileen Cote, and Stephanie Midura.



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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Loss

It's amazing, but people usually only think you go through a feeling of loss when someone has died; however, any type of loss necessitates coming to grips with the situation.

Regardless of age, I find that people go through different stages, although each stage is not clear-cut. Each stage does not necessarily have an exact ending. In other words, you may go onto stage three, but then revert to stage two, etc. Regardless, it is important to realize there are stages and that each must be experienced and dealt with if healing from a loss is to occur.

Let's think of some losses ... divorce, death, a breakup with a boyfriend or girlfriend, fired from a job, moving to a new location, loss of a limb, change in features ... and I'm sure you can come up with more.

Each one of the above causes change in one's life and this change causes pain that must be worked through. Each loss does cause grieving and it is the process of grieving that I shall be discussing.

Again, I emphasize that children, as well as parents, go through this process, although each person, being unique, passes through stages at different times. As a matter of fact, many times children deal with loss much later than do adults.

Initially, when someone hears about loss, there is a general numbness, a feeling that a bad dream is occurring and the grieving person will awaken from the nightmare to find all is O.K. The person experiences a surreal feeling and starts to deny the actual happening of the loss. I think denial comes into play in order to let the body adjust a little bit to the idea of loss. Next comes the idea of bargaining.

"If onlies" are played over and over again. "Perhaps if I do such and such, the loss will be reversed." Grief exaggerates one's emotions and

daily living becomes impossible and overwhelming.

At this point, anger often rears its ugly head. The grieving person is angry at the world, at a higher power, at the perpetrator of the loss. "Why me?" And then the blaming comes in, because something or someone must have caused this loss, is responsible for it, and at least the grieving person can direct his negative energy toward that someone or something.

Often, anger is followed by guilt. "I must be a really bad person for this to happen!" This is often played again and again in the grieving person's mind and actually makes the person enter the next stage, which is depression. The person is really exhausted at this point. Even when the sun shines, the whole world looks gray. Simple tasks become monumental to perform. Sleeping and eating may become erratic. Often, medical attention is sought.

But just when the bereaved thinks the depression will never end, the real healing stage begins, and he starts to surrender to the idea that the loss has occurred. He starts to slowly involve himself in more social activities and doesn't feel as isolated. The weight of the world has lessened and he is able to reach out to others and not be so self-involved. He is able to surrender to his feelings and really start to come to grips with them.

Now, acceptance of the loss arrives and he starts to rejoin the world of the living. He realizes he can make it. He can survive. He can go on and live and start immersing himself more in his studies, friends, hobbies, or whatever fits.

It is important to talk to people during the grieving process. Reach out to others and share one's emotions. Do not let them bottle up. If you share feelings, you are giving the listener a chance to share, too. Often, others don't know what to say. By breaking the ice, you give them license to communicate with you.

Each person who has experienced a loss needs to go through stages in order to come out whole. The process is painful, but it is the only way healing can occur. There will be good times and bad times. Feel the bad times, know that they will pass; then, embrace and cherish the good times. Soon, you will notice that the good times will occur more frequently than the bad times.

Hold on to this thought of Orphan Annie's: "The sun will come out tomorrow." Do reach out, enable yourself to heal, and embrace life, since life is for the living.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 8th: Oven-baked rib dip-pers, seasoned green beans, nacho chips, bread and butter, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, May 9th: Steamed frankfurts in roll, baked beans, oven potato rounds, mustard, relish, catsup, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, May 10th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, honey, dipping sauce, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread and butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, May 11th: Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, bread and butter, chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Friday, May 12th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned potato wedges, catsup, pineapple tidbits or ice cream sundae cup, milk.

Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!
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Junior Troop 562 Visits With The Mayor At Town Hall

Junior Troop 562 from Phelps School had the honor to visit the new Mayor and his office on their way to earning the "Jr. Citizen" badge.

Mayor Richard Cohen took the time to give the girls an extensive tour of Agawam Town Hall, and to introduce many of the people who work there (as well as explain each and every job).

The girls learned that it takes more than just one person to run a town, and they thank Mayor Cohen and all of the employees who took the time to talk to us about their jobs.

STCC Honors Transfer Students From Agawam/F. Hills

One-hundred nineteen students from 29 Greater Springfield communities were recognized recently for inclusion in the 2000 edition of the *Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Community Colleges*.

The students were presented with a Certificate of Achievement from the College Board, located in Washington, D.C., by STCC President Andrew M. Schibelli.

Honorees from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area include **Ronald Blier** (Business Administration-Accounting); **John Krause** (Business Administration); **Renee Wild** (Dental Hygiene); **Richard Haglund** (Engineering & Science Transfer); **Francis Mazzei** (Liberal Arts); **Kimberly Williams** (Liberal Arts); **Elleen Grimaldi** (Nursing); and **Deborah Walte** (Nursing).

Criteria for this award is the achievement of a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, the completion of 60 or more college credits, and the intention of transferring to a four-year institution for the Fall 2000 semester.

Executive Vice President/Academic Affairs John Dunn noted that while students may transfer from many of STCC's 42 associate degree programs, several academic programs are specifically designed to provide the first two years of a four-year course of study.

STCC has also established articulation agreements with several four-year colleges in the region, through which STCC graduates may transfer as full juniors.

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"THANK YOU FOR THE TOUR OF TOWN HALL, MAYOR COHEN!!!": Back row — Junior Troop 562 Scouts **Kassandra Kalatzedis, Katie Garrett, Andrea Simmons, Jessica Beroth, Tiffany Karem, and Amy Mantha.** Front row — Scouts **Alyssa Dominguez and Elizabeth Moirano, Mayor Richard Cohen, and Scout Meghan Donahue.**

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Sandcastle Day Care/ Nursery Receives NAEYC Accreditation

Sandcastle was recently granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious recognition has been achieved by approximately seven percent of early childhood programs nationwide — some 6,943 as of December 1999, serving 635,190 children.

Director Pamela Graves credits her staff's dedication and commitment to children as the reason for the center's accreditation. "They are an integral part of the program for which I have a lot to be thankful for. I am very proud of all their hard work that they continue to display on a daily basis."

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Child care centers, preschools, kindergartens, and before and after school programs are eligible to seek NAEYC accreditation. Approximately 15,000 programs are engaged in seeking accreditation.

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators, and classroom observations. They receive an on-site visit (conducted by early childhood professionals especially trained by NAEYC) to validate their self-study results. All of this information is independently reviewed by a team of national experts who grant or defer accreditation. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Graves. "The process carefully considers all aspects of a program, including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationship with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."

According to Graves, research supports the value of accreditation for children. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC-accredited programs. "These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," said Graves.

NAEYC accreditation began in 1985, with the first program accredited in 1986. NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to the improvement of quality early childhood education.

NAEYC established accreditation in response to the growing number of children spending large amounts of time in group settings away from home, and the uneven and often inadequate consumer protection afforded by state licensing of child care facilities.

Sandcastle is located at 605 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, and serves 39 children ranging in age from 2.9 years to 9.6 years. They have a variety of programs to offer in order to meet the needs of the parents. Their goal is for children to be happy learning to grow, and for parents to feel comfortable knowing that their children are being well-cared-for.

Sandcastle is proud to be a member of the Agawam Early Care and Education Partnership, whose goal is to enhance awareness of the importance of developmentally appropriate education through materials and training. It is with their support that Sandcastle continues to receive materials and training necessary to maintain accreditation status.



MICHAEL FLYNN (back row) of the Baltimore Ravens football team with some of the children at NAEYC-accredited Sandcastle Day Care/Nursery School. Flynn is the son of Sandcastle teacher Kathy Flynn.



FOOTBALL PLAYER MICHAEL FLYNN (center) of the Baltimore Ravens with the teachers at Sandcastle Day Care/Nursery School in Feeding Hills: April Morse, Noreen Thomas, Kathy Flynn (Michael's mother), Sharon Bagley, Debbie Descant, and Sandcastle director Pamela Graves.

Sandcastle will now proudly display the NAEYC torch — the sign of NAEYC accreditation. Parents who look for the torch when choosing child care or early education for their children will find programs which have made a commitment to ex-

cellence for young children and families.

For further information about NAEYC or the accreditation process, access NAEYC's web site at www.naeyc.org/ or contact NAEYC's Public Affairs Division at 202-232-8777 or 800-424-2460.

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Pack 78 Cub Scouts Learn Something About Anesthetics

Cub Scout Pack 78 from Feeding Hills Congregational Church had a recent visit from a nurse anesthetist in town. Mrs. Rovelli spoke to the children about what would happen if you ever have to go to the hospital, emergency room, or what to expect if you have to have surgery.

She explained how the anesthetic is given and why the need for the face and hair masks ... all the way down to the shoe covers. The kids were fascinated and eager to put on their gear. They will no longer be in fear when they see someone covered from head to toes to take care of them.

The boys want to thank Mrs. Rovelli for the wonderful presentation and for answering all of the questions fully.

At a recent Pack meeting, all of the Scouts had some handicap awareness training. They learned how it would be to get around in a wheelchair for a day, or if they had to use a walker or did not have sight of their eyes.

This really made the kids appreciate what they have. They are a great bunch of Scouts!!

Agawam High School Calendar Of Events For May 2000

May 5th: Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Cinco de Mayo - Spanish classes; Renaissance Card distribution; **FRESHMEN-SOPHOMORE DANCE** 7:00-10:00 p.m., cafeteria. OPEN TO ALL.

May 8th-9th: AP EXAMS

May 8th: La Fete de Jeanne d'Arc - French classes.

May 9th: Student breakfast sponsored by the Junior Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.

May 10th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Renaissance VIP Card distribution; Intergenerational Poetry Group, 1:55-2:35 p.m., Room 38.

May 11th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.; **MCAS EXAM MAKE-UPS - COMPOSITION**; Family Resource Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Children visiting Child Development classes; **VAUDEVILLE SHOW** sponsored by the Music Department, 7:00 p.m., auditorium.

May 12th: GREAT EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL - AT AHS ALL DAY; Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

May 13th: FRESHMEN CLASS CAR WASH, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church parking lot.

May 15th-26th: MCAS EXAMS Renaissance Senior Thank-You Scrolls distributed.

May 16th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Junior Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.; **GRADES 5-12 "BAND TIME" CONCERT**, AHS gymnasium.

May 17th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Joint Math Club and Math Team meeting, farewell to senior members.

May 18th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.; Family Resource Meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; **AHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEETING**, 7:00 p.m.

May 19th: GREAT EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL - AT AHS ALL DAY; Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; **AHS BAND BANQUET**.

May 22nd: QUILL AND SCROLL INDUCTION CEREMONY, 6:30 p.m., Springfield Turnverein.

May 23rd: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Junior Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.

May 24th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Renaissance Distribution of Senior Exam Exemptions; Intergenerational Poetry Group, 1:55-2:35 p.m., Room 38.

May 25th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.; Family Resource Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Children visiting Child Development classes; **PEER LEADERSHIP DINNER: TEEN PRESSURES AND SOCIETY'S RESPONSE SYMPOSIUM** produced and presented by the AP English classes.

May 26th: Open Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

May 29th: MARCHING MOHAWKS perform at the Memorial Day Parade.

May 30th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Junior Class, 6:50-7:20 a.m.; **SENIOR CLASS EXAMS** for periods 1, 2, & 3.

May 31st: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; **BAND/CHORUS CONCERT**, 7:00 p.m.; **SENIOR CLASS EXAMS** for periods 4 & 5.



BARBARA ROVELLI FROM FEEDING HILLS helps a Cub Scout from Pack 78. Mrs. Rovelli is a nurse anesthetist and visited the Scouts during one of their recently held Pack meetings.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Do you recognize any of these masked Cub Scouts? **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Are these future cast members of the NBC-TV drama "ER"?

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Sports Nutrition Seminar In AHS Cafeteria On May 17th

The Center for Nutrition in Sport and Human Performance at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is conducting a project titled "Teaming Up For Peak Performance: Athletes Win With Sports Nutrition" for high school students at Agawam High School.

It will also be offering a one-time seminar on sports nutrition, "Eating To Fuel Your Active Lifestyle," at the Agawam High School cafeteria on May 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All residents of the Town of Agawam are invited to attend this seminar.

Local Pupils On Honor Roll At St. Mary's, Longmeadow

The following local students have been named to the honor roll for the third quarter at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow.

GRADE 7

HIGH HONORS: Thomas DeCosmo. HONORS: Mark DaSilva, Jillian Joyce, Jacqueline Savdeba.

GRADE 6

HIGH HONORS: Michael Prisby. HONORS: Melissa Gawron, Cathryn Joyce.

GRADE 5

HIGH HONORS: Brielle Beaudette. HONORS: Kaleagh Payette.

GRADE 4

HIGH HONORS: John McCall. HONORS: Katherine Corliss.

Retirement Party For AHS Teachers Slated For Thursday, June 8th

A Retirement Party for Ed Merrill, Bev Pasternak, Gerry Smith, and Rosemary Stratton will be held on Thursday, June 8th at Chez Josef.

A Social Hour will be held at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 each. The price includes gifts and dinner choice.

Tickets may be purchased from Al Baggetta, Pat Bertone-Gross, Arlene Mazza, Wayne Morse, and Jim White.

Contact Arlene Mazza at Agawam High School for further information. Reservations must be made by May 26th.

Can & Bottle Drive By Cadette Troop 549 And Junior Troop 558

On Saturday, May 13th, Cadette Troop 549 and Junior Troop 558 will be holding a can and bottle drive at Dave's Pet Food City, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The money made from this drive will be put back into one of the town's local parks as the Troops' service project.

Please save your can tabs and bring them, too, and help save a life.

The girls thank you for your support.

For Parents Of Agawam Girl Scouts...

Informational Meeting On This Year's Camporee

The Agawam Camporee Board will be holding a parents' informational evening for all girls who will be attending this year's Camporee from May 19th through May 21st.

The meeting will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11th.

If parents have any concerns, please come along and all your questions will be answered. We look forward to seeing you!

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Sponsor Scholarship Raffle

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Scholarship Raffle on Saturday, May 13th at Geissler's from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

First prize is a photo session and 11x14 framed portrait at a sitting location of your choice for your entire family, provided by Creative Images Photography, a \$500 value. Second prize is a Basket of Memories valued at \$50, and third prize is a Memory Album Kit valued at \$50.

The drawing is Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. at Geissler's. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets may be obtained by mail (\$1 for a ticket or \$5 for a book of six) and your name will be entered in the drawing.

They may also be purchased from any club member. Entries by mail must be received before May 12th to be considered.

The proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund, which helps Agawam High School students who are attending a two-, three-, or four-year college.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

Christy Dubay On Undergraduate Honor Society At Wheaton

Christy Dubay of Feeding Hills was recently elected to the Wheaton College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society of undergraduate students. A member of the class of 2000, Ms. Dubay is expected to graduate from Wheaton this May. She is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Dubay.

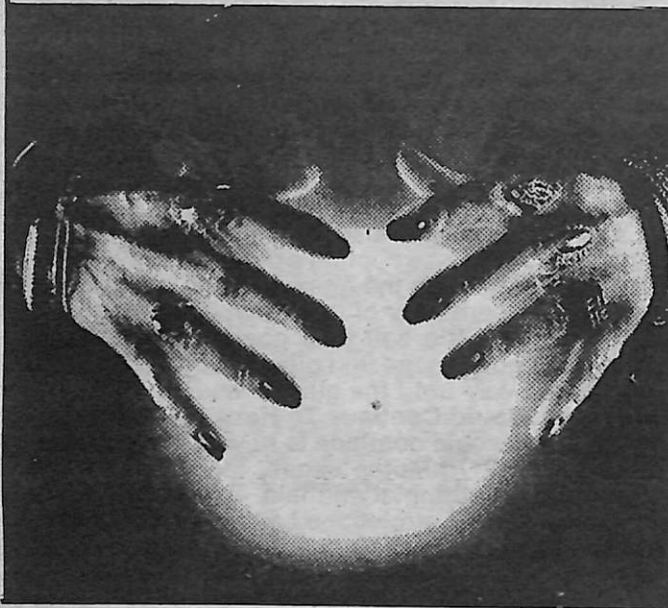
Students earn election to Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of outstanding academic performance during their undergraduate career. Nominees to the honor society must be approved by members of the society's local college chapter before being admitted. Wheaton's chapter, Kappa of Massachusetts, was established in 1932.

Wheaton is a private liberal arts college with a 1,500-member student body drawn from 45 states and 30 countries. It is a member of the Twelve College Exchange, which also includes Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Vassar, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams.

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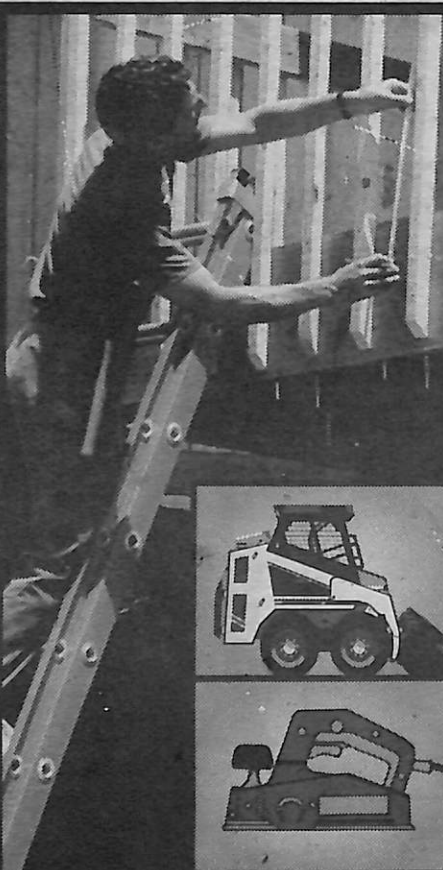


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Sports

Baseball vs. Longmeadow...

Visiting Lancers Stick It To The Brownies, 1-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The aces were wild up at Harmon Smith Field on Tuesday afternoon, as the Agawam High baseball team took on visiting Longmeadow. In the end, the Lancers (behind their ace, Sean Ginley) beat the Brownies and their ace, Brian St. Jean, 1-0.

Agawam's three-game win streak was snapped. The Brownies now stand at 7-3. Longmeadow went to 8-3. Also snapped was St. Jean's 20-inning scoreless run.

If you like bodacious pitching performances, this game was the place to be. St. Jean, perhaps not as dominant as usual, allowed the one earned run, six hits, struck out eight, and walked a man. "What can I say? That's baseball. They outplayed us and deserved the win," the senior Agawam right-hander noted when it was over.

On hand were four Major League scouts (from the Cubs, Arizona, Pittsburgh, and Detroit), all carrying their trusty Juggs guns. They were obviously there to check out St. Jean. When Ginley stepped to the hill, they seemed suddenly disinterested. Ginley mentioned that later. Maybe they should have given him a look. The Longmeadow senior punched out nine Brownies, walked two, and gave up only two hits.

While the scouts will usually tell you who they're scouting for, they become tight-lipped when asked about a pitcher's speed (professional secrets, we suppose). But we have it on good authority that a few of St. Jean's heaters registered in the low 90's — not bad for an 18 year-old kid.

Longmeadow's lone run came in the fifth inning on a run-scoring double.

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Longmeadow...

AHS's Bows To The Sharp Scoring Talents Of The Lancers, 8-3

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There is no doubt that Agawam High varsity lacrosse Coach Nick St. George knows the local history of the sport, especially when it comes to perennial powerhouse Longmeadow High.

"They are a dynasty. In the last 30 years, Longmeadow has won the state title 15 times. The next closest team is Newton North (down near Boston) with three." So, with all this history in mind, it was no surprise that the Lancers beat St. George's Brownies, 8-3, on Tuesday afternoon over in Longmeadow.

Longmeadow, the defending Western Mass. champions and state finalist last year, did it by playing methodical lacrosse, which included pinpoint passing and tight defense.

Despite some good defense by the visiting Brownies, led by captain Kevin Grealis and Joe Lancour, Longmeadow scored 1:54 into the game.

Agawam came storming back behind Shawn Gloster, Jon Sikes, and Mike Tercyak. Mike Ruscio got off a good shot at the 5:00 mark to an open corner of the Lancers' net, but it went a foot wide.

Agawam was still aggressive two minutes later when Tercyak had an opportunity and missed wide left. Then it was Ruscio again, muscling into the crease. He missed as well, and Longmeadow finally managed to get back on offense and scored at 8:50, making it 2-0.

The Lancers' defense continued to frustrate Agawam. After intercepting a pass on a right-wing rush, they attacked the Agawam zone and passed around the perimeter of the Brownies' box before finally driving the ball past goalie John DeCaro with 11:15 gone in the first quarter, for a 3-0 lead. It stood that way until the quarter ended.

Agawam Would Continue To Have Its Chances...

Agawam would continue to have its chances as the second 24 minutes began. Matt Sharpe and Sikes were hustling at midfield. Tom Evans had a chance when he circled the Lancers' goal 1:16 in.

But the Lancers' defense was up to the challenge. They brought the ball out on a midfield rush. At the 1:50 mark, a hard Longmeadow shot bounced off DeCaro's facemask. The Lancers gathered up a rebound two minutes later to widen their lead to 4-0.

Agawam, seeing its chances for a win slipping away, didn't stop hustling. Evans, Vin Tirone, and Sikes initiated a rush and, at the 5:32 mark, Tirone scored unassisted and it was 4-1, Longmeadow.

After that, DeCaro made two good saves in a row. Sharpe and Gloster led the Agawam offense back into the Lancers' zone. Twenty seconds remained in the half when Tercyak, at the top of the box, made a rush and launched from 10 feet out for Agawam's second goal, narrowing the gap to 4-2, Longmeadow.

Agawam had six first-half shots on goal. Longmeadow managed nine.

DeCaro made two more outstanding saves to start the second half. Both teams had picked it up a notch, with end-to-end lacrosse. Tercyak, Sikes, and Evans again led the attack. Tercyak was robbed on a point-blank shot 6:39 in. Then, 30 seconds later, Longmeadow got on the board to lead 5-2.

Agawam, playing tough, came right back, led by Ruscio, Brandon Blackak, Sikes, and Tercyak. Sikes, holding his stick in one hand, backed in and had a chance, but he was stripped by some good work from the Lancers' defenders. The quarter came to a close, 5-2 Longmeadow.

The Lancers' Last Three Goals...

Two minutes, 17 seconds into the fourth quarter, the Lancers scored their sixth goal. Twenty seconds later, they got number seven. And two minutes after that, they managed number eight.

Agawam, now down 8-2, attempted to gear it up another notch. But the Lancers' defense (playing with ultimate confidence) marked well, jammed

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Admission is \$15, and lunch will be provided. It is open to adults, children, and whole families. Howard Sawyer and Jim Hadden are in charge of the event. They will be offering prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25.

The Fishing Derby will be held on the grounds of the Springfield Turnverein at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills. In order to provide the best fishing conditions for the fishermen, advance ticket reservations are requested. Call Howard at 568-0364, Jim at 786-5202, or the Turnverein at 786-0928 as early as possible.

Any groups wishing to take advantage of this great opportunity should call Howard or Jim soon to make arrangements. Attendance is limited to 150 participants.

If this event is the success the Turnverein expects, this Fishing Derby will become an annual event.

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the passing lanes, and was generally quicker to the ball to disrupt the Brownies' offensive flow.

Agawam's last and perhaps most impressive goal was scored by Joe Lancour off an assist from Evans. Lancour, despite being mauled by the Lancers' defenders, bulled his way to the goal and scored from the left crease. "We took some quality shots; unfortunately, we didn't take enough of them," St. George noted.

Agawam had seven second-half shots for a game total of 13. Longmeadow had 10 for a total of 19. The Brownies' record in Western Mass. play went to 5-3. Longmeadow (which plays teams from as far away as New York and New Jersey) went to 4-6.

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Boys' Baseball vs. Ludlow...

Brownies Come From Behind To Defang Ludlow Lions, 6-4

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the second game in a row, Agawam High had to come back from a deficit to get their win. After a 9-7 decision at East Longmeadow last Thursday, they beat visiting Ludlow Monday afternoon, 6-4, to raise their record to 7-2.

Now, no one will ever mistake either the Spartans or Lions for Western Mass. contenders. At this writing, they have a combined record of 1-17 (Ludlow has the lone win), which gave Agawam Coach Pete Clark an opportunity to reflect on his team's recent performance.

"We can't just show up and expect to run over people. These kids have to come mentally prepared for every game. Every team earns their wins. They seem to be more focused when they play a contender. No matter what your opponent's record might be, even the ones that don't seem like a threat can beat you."

Junior Marc Barcomb got the call on the mound. Barcomb gave up a one-out single in the Lions' first. Then Lion senior centerfielder Jon Witowski airmailed a line shot to deep center. One run came across the plate. Witowski, with what looked to be a round-tripper, also scored.

However, he apparently failed to touch third on his journey around the bases, something the sharp-eyed AHS faithful in good voice along the third base line made obviously clear to the ump. Sure enough, the throw came in to third sacker Derek Mercadante. He touched the bag and bagged Witowski for the foul. His homerun was gone.

A bullet-dodged Agawam also scored in the bottom of the inning. Senior Scott Harlin walked and stole second. A passed ball saw him at third. Another passed ball had him safe at home. Obviously embarrassed, Lion pitcher Ryan Salvador pinned his ears back and dusted the next three Brownies.

Ludlow scored one more in the second on a two-out single, walk, and another single. Agawam went down courtesy of a nifty 5-4-3 one-out double play.

Another Threat In The Third

Ludlow threatened again in the third. Two singles sandwiched around an out saw Lions at second and third. Barcomb sucked it up and got the next two hitters on air balls. Down 2-1,

Agawam fought back when it was their turn. Junior catcher Corey Federico walked. Then, outfielder Aaron Gilbert lofted a towering shot to left that rode the outgoing wind for a triple. Federico scored to tie it at two. Harlin struck out. Brandon Donovan (at shortstop this day) lofted a high fly to center. That effort sacrificed Gilbert home. And Agawam went up, 3-2.

The fourth saw no satisfaction for either side. Agawam went into the fifth with Jack Pearson moving from second to third and senior Brian St. Jean, who had been the designated hitter, at second. Barcomb, still in there, sent Ludlow down in order. Then the Brownies unlimbered their bats. Brian Chechile drove a ball to center. It was a single, but Witowski couldn't track it down and the senior ended up at second.

Federico, a right-handed hitter, slapped one to the opposite field for a double, driving in Chechile. Then Gilbert beat out a bunt and Federico scuttled over to third. Once again, the sharp-eyed and full-voice faithful, who do not miss a beat, saw Salvador commit a balk. The ump agreed and when the Agawam coaches made the plea, Federico came home.

Gilbert, who was in the process of stealing second when the balk occurred, stole third. Donovan then banged one off the pitcher's glove which spun on the ground and died 10 feet behind him. It was good enough to score Gilbert for a 6-2 Agawam lead.

That was it for the fifth. Harlin, in from left, appeared on the mound for the Brownies to open the sixth. He got the side in order. Agawam could do little in the bottom of the inning.

Ludlow scored two more in its half of the seventh; one was unearned. The 6-4 final saw Agawam go to 7-2 and Ludlow come in at 1-8 in this non-league game.

AGAWAM STATS: Harlin - 0-3, 1RS, 2SB; Donovan - 1-2, 2RBI; St. Jean - 1-3; LeClair - 0-2; D. Mercadante - 1-2; Pearson - 0-3; Chechile - 1-3, 1RS; Federico - 2-2 (2B), 1RBI, 2RS; Gilbert - 2-3 (3B), 1RBI, 2RS; Conte - 0-1.

PITCHING: Barcomb (w) - 5IP, 7H, 2R, 2ER, 1BB, 2SO, 2.80ERA. Harlin - 2IP, 1H, 2R, 1ER, 0BB, 0SO, 3.50ERA.

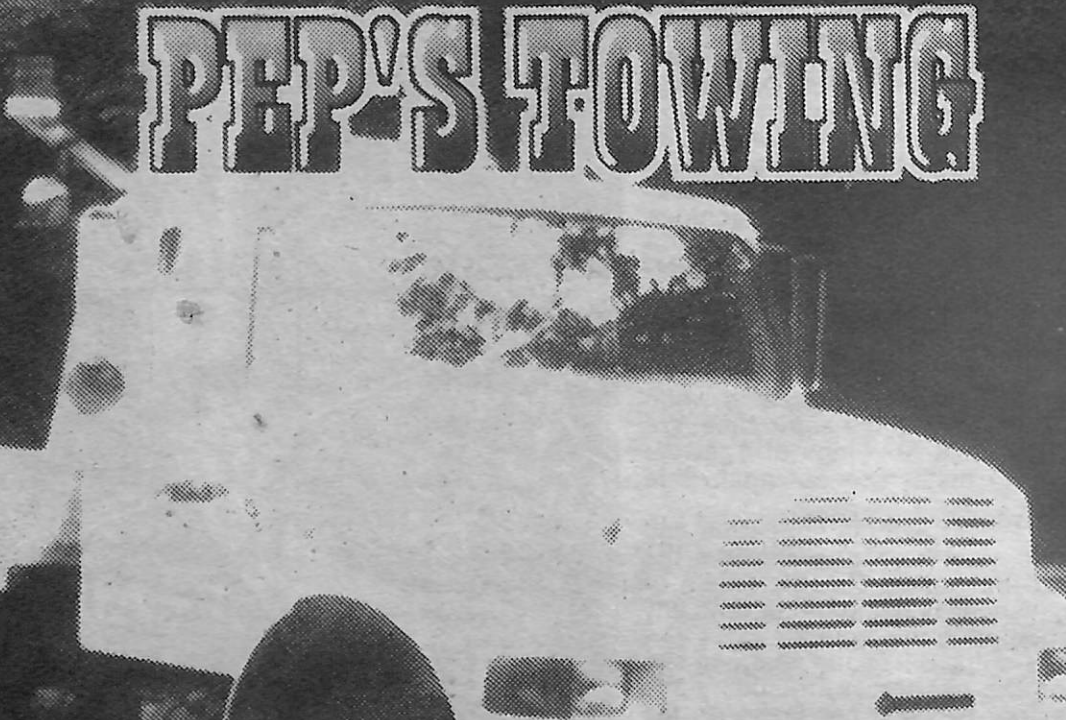
LUDLOW: 4R, 8H, 3E, 6LOB. **AGAWAM:** 6R, 8H, 2E, 4LOB.

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Boys' Baseball vs. East Longmeadow...

Brownies Leave The Spartans' Turf With An Impressive 9-7 Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For four long innings last Thursday afternoon, April 27th, over at East Longmeadow High, the faithful sat on their hands as they watched the winless Spartans build up a 7-1 lead on the Brownie boys' baseball team.

As a matter of fact, things seemed so grim that you could almost imagine the fat lady waddling in to sing before it was over.

Not to worry - Agawam escaped with an impressive 9-7 win, scoring eight runs in the final three innings to run its record to 6-2 at that point in the season. East Longmeadow fell to 0-9.

Spartans Desperate For A Win

The Spartans, carried off too many times on their shields this season, were desperate to put one in the left-hand column. Who'd be a better victim than last year's Western Mass. champs?

At first, the champs didn't see any trouble coming. They went one up with a run in their half of the first inning. Brandon Donovan drew a one-out walk, took second on a wild pitch, and went to third on a balk. Senior Brian St. Jean also walked, putting Brownies at the corner.

Junior Tony LeClair, who would figure big later in the game, rapped a single to left. Donovan came home and St. Jean, as aggressive as ever, rounded second and maybe counting on the left-fielder never thinking he'd do it, sprinted for third. The throw was indeed a beat late and St. Jean was safe.

LeClair, seeing the situation, tried for second. The throw from third was there a step sooner and that was it for the Agawam first baseman. Derek Mercadante grounded out to end the inning.

Junior Lou Conte (1-0) was on the hill for Agawam. He shut the hosts down in their half of the first.

Agawam could do nothing in the second. But the Spartans found the offense which had eluded them for most of the season and did some damage. With one out, Conte gave up three walks, three singles, and an error on a pitcher-to-catcher fielder's choice for five runs (one unearned).

With two gone, along with Conte's control, and one on, he walked Spartan rightfielder Elias Giannakopoulos. Coach Pete Clark, with the hook in his hand, was on the mound faster than you could pronounce Giannakopoulos and Conte was gone.

Boissonneault Gets The Call

Reliever Dan Boissonneault got the call. The junior promptly issued a free pass to the first bat-

ter he faced, loading the bases with two down. However, the next hitter popped back to Boissonneault and Agawam saw its one-nothing lead flip into a 5-1 advantage for EL going into the third.

Things were quiet until the Spartans' fourth. A one-out single, followed by a fielder's choice, a hit batsman, an overthrow error from the outfield, and another single saw the Spartans score two more runs. A possible third run off the second single was cut down at the plate on a nice throw from Aaron Gilbert in center to catcher Corey Federico for the tag. But East Longmeadow led, 7-1, as play got underway in the fifth.

Simply put, the Brownies began to lower the boom. To that point, they'd only produced two hits; the LeClair single and a third-inning triple by St. Jean. Gilbert led off with a walk. Senior Scott Harlin followed with a single to left. Donovan, with men on first and second, punched a single up the middle, scored Gilbert, and sent Harlin to third. Donovan stole second. St. Jean struck out.

With one down and runners on first and second, LeClair stepped into the box. LeClair said later that he had gone to school on St. Jean's at-bat. He drilled the first pitch high and deep over the left-field fence, 340 feet away. It was a three-run job which cleared the bases and saw the Brownies down by a deuce, 7-5.

"I hit a fast ball. I knew it was coming because that's what he got Brian on," LeClair said of his second round-tripper this season.

Derek Mercadante came on to pitch in the bottom of the fifth and got the side in order.

The Brownies' sixth saw Federico draw a leadoff walk. Gilbert slapped one to third, which looked to be a perfect double-play ball. But Tim DiClementi, maybe aware of what he had, booted it and Agawam had runners on first and second with no outs. Harlin, up next, hit a ball to third as well. This time, DiClemente scooped it up and stepped on the bag, forcing Federico. There was now one down and Brownies on first and second.

Donovan hit one to short and the play went to third, getting Gilbert on another force. Donovan, seeing that, went a little too far around first and the Spartans, seeing him, tried for the play. They got Donovan caught between first and second. While fielders were busy with him, Harlin had clear sailing and came around from second to score Agawam's sixth run. They finally got Donovan on a 5-4-3-4 rundown. But more damage

had been done. Agawam now trailed 7-6.

Locals Trailing By A Run

Mercadante dusted the first EL hitter in the bottom of the sixth, gave up two straight singles, then punched out the next two batters to extricate himself from a jam and sent things into the decisive seventh with AHS still trailing by a run.

Agawam, to the joy of the visiting faithful, scored three more times. St. Jean led things off with a walk. LeClair flew out. Mercadante popped one to shallow right, which was misjudged by the Spartans' second sacker going out to get it. The error saw St. Jean chug into third and Mercadante pull up at second. Jack Pearson slapped one to right, which scooted through the rightfielder's legs and all the way to the wall, sending St. Jean and Merc across the dish for an 8-7 Agawam lead.

Mike Hill, hitting for Brian Chechile, lofted a ball to left and Donovan raced home on the sac fly, making it 9-7, visitors.

The Spartans, in shock and suddenly seeing their opportunity for a huge upset slipping away, went in order on three groundouts to end the game.

Clark said his team was coming off a tough 3-2 loss at the hands of Northampton a few days earlier and was pleased with this one. "Yeah, this was a confidence-builder. It can only help us mentally. And we got some good innings from Derek (Mercadante)."

AGAWAM STATS: Harlin - 1-4, 2RS; Donovan - 1-3, 2RBI, 2RS, 1SB; St. Jean - 1-2 (3B), 1RS; LeClair - 2-4 (HR), 4RBI, 1RS; D. Mercadante - 0-4, 1RS; Pearson - 2-3, 2RBI, 1RS, 1SB; Chechile - 1-3; Federico - 0-2; Gilbert - 0-2, 1RS; Hill - 0-0, 1RBI.

AGAWAM: 1, 1st; 0, 2nd; 0, 3rd; 0, 4th; 4, 5th; 1, 6th; 3, 7th; 9R; 7H; 2E; 5LOB. ELM: 0, 1st; 5, 2nd; 0, 3rd; 2, 4th; 0, 5th; 0, 6th; 0, 7th; 7R; 9H; 3E; 9LOB.

PITCHING: Conte - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ IP; 4H; 5R; 4ER; 4BB; 3SO; 16.86 ERA; Boissonneault - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ IP; 3H; 2R; 1ER; 2BB; 0SO; 3.00ERA. D. Mercadante (w) - 3IP; 2H; 0R; 0ER; 0BB; 4SO; 0.00ERA.

Brownie Notes: Sean Mercadante took a bad hop on a throw to third during the pre-game warm-ups at ELM and ended up with a broken nose. Lefty Brian Lapins, out for a week-and-a-half with tendonitis in his pitching elbow, is expected back this week. The game against Pittsfield, scheduled for last Wednesday out there, was played this week.

At Oak Ridge On June 6th...

American Lung Assoc. Schedules 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts has announced that its Ninth Annual Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Registration for the tournament will be at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration fee per player is \$125, which includes everything - a day of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. There are several opportunities for corporate sponsorship as well.

Donald Rheault, chairperson of the tournament, said, "This is our opportunity to help the American Lung Association raise funds for its asthma education and research programs while we have a great day of golf at the same time. We are also very pleased that Six Flags of Agawam has agreed to be our major sponsor again this year."

Rheault added, "Where asthma education and research are concerned, the sooner we find the causes and cure, the better. The incidence of asthma and lung disease is rising faster than any other chronic condition in this country."

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This tournament sold out last year, so interested players are encouraged to register early. Maximum number of players is 144. To register or for more information on the Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

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Profile...

Ann Paquette - An 'Ultimate Leader' For AHS Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Ann Paquette is one of the more gifted athletes at Agawam High School. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Ann is 17. She'll turn 18 on May 31st. Ann has spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School. Currently, her course load includes integrated math, honors physics, psychology, journalism, yearbook (layout), and English 12.

Honors for Ann read like this: Quill and Scroll (the journalism honor society), the honor roll, and the Renaissance Club. She has been the class of 2000's treasurer for the past three years. Ann is the vice-president of Future Teachers. She is in the Math Club and is the business editor for the school's paper, "The MIRROR." Ann is also on the School Improvement Council.

Her favorite course is physics. Arthur Gage (physics) and Mary Murray (physical education) are her top teachers. Ann will attend Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut, this fall. Her major will be in psychology. Also, Ann says she'll try out for the women's lacrosse team. "They have a Division I program," she noted. "It will be hard for me to make that team."

From what we've seen of Ann, her intrinsic ability to lead and drive as a team player should serve her well as she attempts to grab a spot on the Lady Braves' roster.

Ann plays two sports at the High School — soccer and lacrosse, where she has been a four-year starter.

She has been an All-Western Mass. selection as a sophomore and a junior in lacrosse. Last season, she scored 56 goals and 12 assists. This year, she has 17 goals and three assists from her attacker position after (at this writing) seven games. Ann is a two-year captain of lacrosse, which is her favorite sport.

Her most memorable sports moment came late last month in Agawam's 7-6 loss on Tuesday, April 25th, to perennial power Longmeadow High at

Harmon Smith Field. "We played them as tough as anyone. I think we served notice in that game that we are starting to be a force in girls' lacrosse in this area." It might be noted that Agawam led the Lancers, 5-2 at the half. And the visitors had to scramble for that win.

"We Have Talent At Every Position..."

Ann sees the current season like this: "Team-wise, everyone knows what they have to do to be successful. We have talent at every position, which means a lot of weapons. If we continue to play together, we'll have a winning season."

Ann's favorite food is pizza and pasta. "My grandmother Carmela's spaghetti dinner is great!" she laughed.

Blue is her favorite hue.

A brand-new, black VW Jetta would be her choice for wheels. "Actually," she said, "I'd like to drive anything new."

Women's soccer superstar Mia Hamm is her top jock.

Hanging out involves wherever her friends are. She like preppie clothes, as long as they're comfortable. She shops at American Eagle.

The Dave Mathews Band tops the charts for her. "Even though I like just about every kind of music, I've seen them in concert about seven times," she said.

Her favorite shows on the tube are "Dawson's Creek" and "The Tom Green Show" on MTV. "Stepmom," starring Julia Roberts, is her favorite flick.

Josephine is her mom. Rich is her dad. She has two sisters: Melissa (15), a field hockey and lacrosse player, and Christina (10), who plays soccer and lacrosse. Both are members of the town's youth leagues.

Ann looks up to her Aunt Yo (Yolanda) on her mother's side. "She is just a great person who has always been there for me," she said.

Ann's time is quickly running out at the High School. Soon, graduation will come. How would she like to be remembered? "In my High School career, I was always a hard worker. And, most im-



ANN PAQUETTE

portantly, I was always there for my teammates," she said.

Girls' lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve had this take on a kid she thinks very highly of: "Ann is one of the hardest working players I've ever seen. She came to us four years ago and didn't know anything about lacrosse. We named her a two-year captain because she is an ultimate leader."

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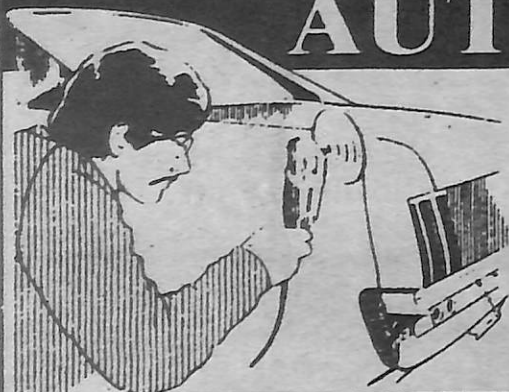
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Girls' Softball vs. Minnechaug...

AHS's Unbeaten Streak Comes To An End, Courtesy Of The Falcons' 5-4 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Sometimes softball pitchers can have split personalities during a game. Take last Friday afternoon, April 28th, when very strong Minnechaug Regional came calling up at Harmon Smith Field.

Falcons' Coach Renee Caverly sent sophomore ace Kristen Bissonnette into the circle. For the first two innings, the kid pitched like Doctor Jekyll, giving up four Agawam runs on five hits, including a double (Amanda Merola) and a triple (Tiff Blackman).

However, over the final five, Miss Hyde showed up and held the hosts to no hits and a goose egg in the run column. All of which led to a come-from-behind, 5-4 Falcon win. "I don't know. Maybe I wasn't as focused as I could have been starting out. But I just told myself that they weren't going to get any more runs off of me," Bissonnette, back to Doctor Jekyll, smiled sweetly when it was over.

Both Clubs Unbeaten To Start

Both clubs were unbeaten to start. The Brownies stood at 8-0. Minnechaug checked in at 7-0. Coach Debbie Lickley gave the ball to sophomore Kate Ludwig. Minnechaug got nothing in its half of the first. The Brownies fared better when it was their turn.

With one out, junior Amanda Merola walked and promptly stole second. Senior All-Western Mass. catcher Dianna DiStefano then lofted a soft one over Bissonnette's head for an infield single that saw Merola move to third. DiStefano swiped second, giving the Brownies runners in scoring position with one out. All-Western Mass. short-stop Jill Gendron whiffed. Senior leftfielder Jen

Lyman came through with a single to short right, driving in Merola and DiStefano. A Keegan Clark (junior) strikeout ended the inning. But the Brownies were up, 2-0.

Ludwig, pitching well, got the side in order to start the second inning. Agawam's defense came up with a pretty play as well. Gendron (at short) ranged far to her left, gobbled up a worm-burner in the second base hole, and gunned down the runner. The Brownies would score two more in the bottom of the inning.

Junior third sacker Caitlyn Conte lined a single to right-center. With two out, Blackman tripled down the third base line, scoring Conte. Merola then doubled to center and Blackman came home. It stood 4-0, hosts, as they headed to the third, where both sides would go in order.

The fourth inning was the start of the Falcons' good fortune. Ludwig had been on a roll, giving up only a first-inning Falcons' hit. She hit the leadoff hitter and walked the next kid. Then an attempted pick-off at first from DiStefano to freshman Vicky Taylor, sailed over the 5'10" first baseman's head, and into rightfield. The runners were on the move.

Clark, in right, did what she was supposed to do - back up the play. However, her throw back in zip-ped past Ludwig and almost to the third base bleachers. Conte tracked the ball down, but not before Minnechaug's first run crossed the plate. Now, with no outs, there was a runner on third and an obviously rattled Brownie defense on the field.

Ludwig then uncorked a wild pitch and the runner scooted home, making it 4-2, Agawam. Conte settled down then and got the next three Falcons

in order.

If you've ever had a chance to watch the Brownies' softball team practice, then you know that Lickley constantly drills her girls on not beating themselves, which is exactly what they did in that inning.

Agawam could do nothing in the bottom of the fourth. The Falcons, however, were back in business to start the fifth. Three straight singles, an uncharacteristic error by Gendron, a sac bunt, and another single saw Minnechaug score three more times to take a 5-4 lead.

No More Scoring

Neither team would score again. The only Brownie to reach base in the final five innings was Lyman (on a second base error in the sixth). It was those three unearned Falcon runs which kicked Agawam from the unbeaten ranks.

"What can we do? Our bats got cold and you can't play defense the way we played it today and expect anything good to come from it, especially against a team as talented as Minnechaug," Lickley noted. Agawam stood at 8-1 after the clay dust cleared. Minnechaug rose to 8-0.

AGAWAM STATS: Blackman - 1-3 (3B), 1RBI, 1RS; Merola - 1-3 (2B), 1RBI, 1RS; DiStefano - 1-3, 1RS, 1SB; Gendron - 0-3; Lyman - 1-3, 2RBI; Clark - 0-3; Conte - 1-3, 1RS; Burke - 0-3; Taylor - 0-2; Bishop - 0-1.

PITCHING: Ludwig (L): 7IP; 7H; 5R; 2ER; 1BB; 4SO; 2.00ERA.

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Girls' Varsity Tennis...

Brownies Defeat Chicopee Comp, Lose To South Hadley High Team

On Thursday, April 27th, the Agawam High School girls' varsity tennis team beat Chicopee Comp, 4-1.

In first singles, Kaitlin White had few problems with Becky Picard in her 6-2, 6-3 victory. Kaitlin had the stronger shot and the better net play, although Picard played an effective backboard.

In second singles, Liz Stieg had no problem dominating Dyan Cushing, cruising to a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Kelly Webb played third singles again, since her doubles partner was away on a band trip. "Kelly did a fine job," said Coach Mary Wolochowicz. She beat Jessica Roy, 6-3, 6-3.

Jen Leupo and Julia Spear were recruited at the last minute to play first doubles and fell to Megan Dietz/Christina Cox, 0-6, 6-7 (6-8). "Jen had only played singles this year and Julia played in this match and earned her varsity letter," according to the coach. "They took a set to get together, but once they did, they gave Comp a run for their money," said the coach.

Brittany Shields and Kristen Berry got tie-breaker experience in their match against Heather McGrady and Sara Couture, pulling out the 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 win. "They started slowly and as their confidence built up, the momentum of the match changed," said Wolochowicz. Agawam easily won the second set.

"The band trip will affect two more of our matches, and if we work as hard in those matches as

we did in this one, we might turn out o.k.," observed the coach.

On Tuesday, April 25th, the Brownies fell to South Hadley, 3-2.

First singles saw Kaitlin White controlling the match from the start. "Her groundstrokes were good and she approached the net well," said the coach about White's 6-3, 6-1 victory over Shara Chartier.

In second singles, Liz Stieg "played great," according to the coach, and easily beat Julie Rohan, 6-1, 6-1.

Jen Leupo lost to Amanda Malone in third singles, 6-7 (12-14), 0-6. "Amanda's consistent play was too much for Jen after the first grueling set. So much was put into the first set emotionally, it was inevitable that the winner of the tie-breaker would easily win the second set," said Wolochowicz.

"This was a great tennis match," said the coach of the two hour, 45-minute first doubles match, which saw Kelly Webb and Jen Jutte pull out the close win against Jill Swartwout and Ellen Brezinsky, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 3-6.

Second doubles saw Lisa Niedziela and Emily Morton fall to Kelly Wallace and Amy Rousseau, 4-6, 2-6. "Another fun match to watch," said Wolochowicz. "These kids are really starting to play tennis."

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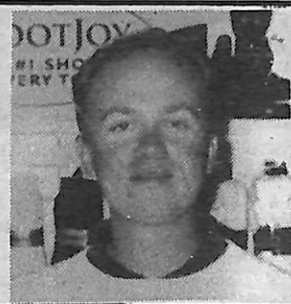
The Purple Pythons capped off an undefeated season with a narrow victory in the playoffs. Led by Taylor Hartmann, Christina Korney, and Katie Schebel, the Pythons won in a defensive battle against the gold team.

Providing strong defense and great rebounding throughout the season were forwards Liz MacFadzen, Diana Moore, and Crystal Lyons. Cori Geiger, Jillian VanNess, and Siorban Keenan provided offensive and defensive support from the guard position.

The coaches would like to thank all the players for their great attitudes, teamwork, and hustle throughout the season. Thank you to the parents for your support.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Eric Nelson, PGA
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The address is, in the view of many top teachers, the key to hitting the ball consistently well. You cannot expect to hit the ball well if your body is not in the proper position to do so.

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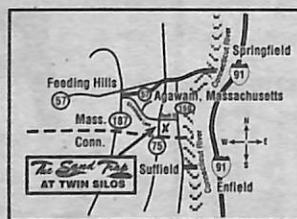


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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Holy Mackerel! What A Cod Trip!

Saturday morning's lazy fog began to lift as the Andy Lynn V cleared the entrance to Plymouth Harbor. The promised rain and wind failed to arrive, and the seas were flat calm.

Captain Andy Costa, the third generation party boat captain, pointed the bow towards the northeast corner of Stellwagon Bank.

The Mass. Striped Bass Club had booked 18 members aboard the trip and Pierre Wood of Woody's Taxidermy, who acted as photographer, and I rounded out the 20 slots available.

The modern 65-footer arrived on the edge of the banks in time to be greeted by a school of dolphin and a couple of whales. Using the latest in sonar and navigation equipment, Captain Costa put us directly over a huge school of market-size cod.

From the time we started fishing with large Norwegian Jigs, the action was absolutely non-stop. As the sun rose in the sky and the coolness of the morning gave way to the warming rays, everyone was already arm weary from cranking up one right after another.

On this trip, the whole party consisted of "hard core" fishermen, and the results were spectacular. The mates were fileting the catch almost all day, not finishing till several hours after we had docked in the late afternoon.

The Andy Lynn fleet consists of two modern, 65-foot party boats and another somewhat smaller sport fisherman for six-man charters. In talking to Andy's dad before sailing, it was evident that this is more than just a business to this family - it's a way of life.

The love of the sea and the sense of pride in the business of providing quality fishing for their customers was evident in the conversations and in the actual operation of the boats. While many similar businesses have employed seasonal help on a casual basis, one of the mates, Chris Ulino, has been with the Andy Lynn fleet for almost 20 years and the other mate, David Howard, for over 10. Now, that's real experience!

Three generations of fishing the same waters has given Captain Andy that "extra edge" in instinctively knowing where the fish should be throughout the changing conditions and seasons.

The Andy Lynn Fleet sails from the Town Wharf at historic Plymouth, MA. In addition to fishing parties, they also provide whale-watching cruises on the comfortable modern boats.

On a scale of 1-10, this trip rated an "11" and I would have no problem recommending this fleet of professionals to my closest friends as well as my readers.

For more information on this type of Stellwagon Banks fishing and other trips, call the Andy Lynn Fleet at 1-508-746-7776. They have my highest recommendation!

GEARING UP

For those fishermen who go on extended cod trips and provide their own tackle, here are a few tips to make the day more productive as far as gear is concerned.

One never knows whether or not bait is the best choice or whether jigs will be the killer on that particular day.

A good bet is to have two rods and reels with you. Of course, conventional reels like the ones made by Penn Reels and others are the rule. Spinning gear is not normally used. Large capacity reels such as the Penn 113H and the 114H are found on most of the rods that the "sharpies" are using.

In the terminal department, sharp hooks, a hook hone, sinkers in the 12- to 20-ounce bracket, and an assortment of metal jigs such as the Norwegian Jigs or Diamond Jigs work well. The sizes should be from the 12-ounce and up to the 16- to 20-ounce.

Stiff currents dictate the heavier jigs to keep in touch with the bottom, and not be swept out with the bow in the line.

Speaking of line, Mike Batta, the Northeast rep. for Pure Fishing (Berkley) clued me in to the new Whiplash line. It is one of the newest super braids and it really is super! I don't usually get excited about too many things, equipment-wise, but I LOVE this new line!

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The 65-pound test line is the diameter of 12- to 14-pound monofilament, has no memory, handles well on the reel, and its super thin profile prevents the current from carrying it off due to the "drag factor."

I firmly believe that this line helped me and my partner out-catch almost everyone using conventional line. The sensitivity is incredible and the slightest tap was transmitted right to the rod.

Another real plus with the new Whiplash line is that there is virtually no stretch. When jigging with heavy jigs in deep water, the mono lines will stretch with each sweep of the rod and, in reality, you are barely moving the jig when you have a couple hundred feet of line between you and the jig on the bottom.

The new Whiplash has about "0" stretch and if you lift the rod tip four to six feet, you will lift the jig the same distance.

Another innovation in this line is that the weave is a much tighter weave than is offered in competing brands of super lines. That translates into a smoother finish on the line and less wear on the guides of the rod.

Previously, only rods with the very finest ceramic guides or carbide guides, would resist the "file-like" texture of the early super braids and would develop line-cutting grooves after modest use. So, thanks for the tip, Mike! I really am impressed with your new lines!

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

The shad are in the Connecticut River and the tributaries, but the water level has been so high that they are difficult to catch. Once the water level goes down, the fishing will pick up. With a little luck, this weekend will show some good action.

Not far behind the shad run will come the herring and the big stripers that follow them from the ocean. Stay tuned!

Kurt over at Saunders Marina on Congamond Lakes reports that the trout fishermen are still scoring well on trolled flies and hardware. Bass fishing has been good as evidenced by last week's photo.

Stream fishing should pick back up once the rain has stopped swelling the streams and clouding the water with silt.

SALT WATER

The cod action as reported above has been great! Fluke are starting to show up in limited numbers around the mouth of the Connecticut River. Schoolie stripers are being taken in the lower river and it will not be long before some of the bigger fish move into the sound.

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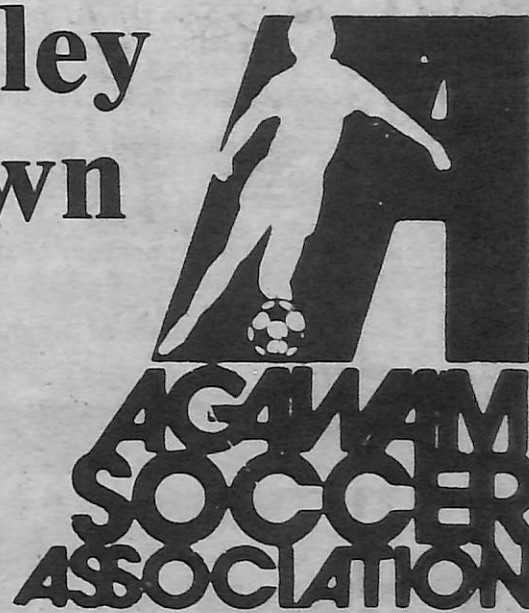
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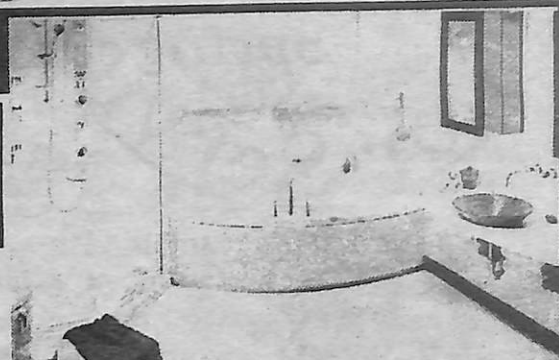
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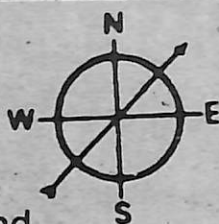
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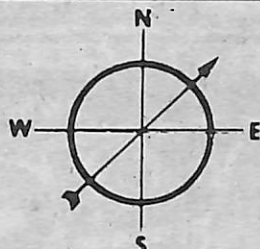
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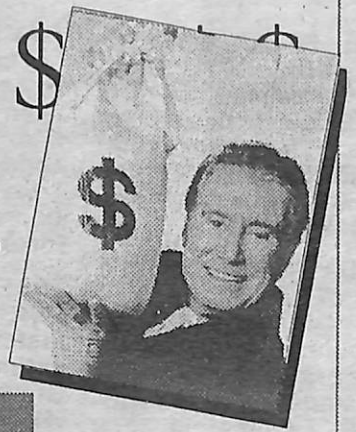
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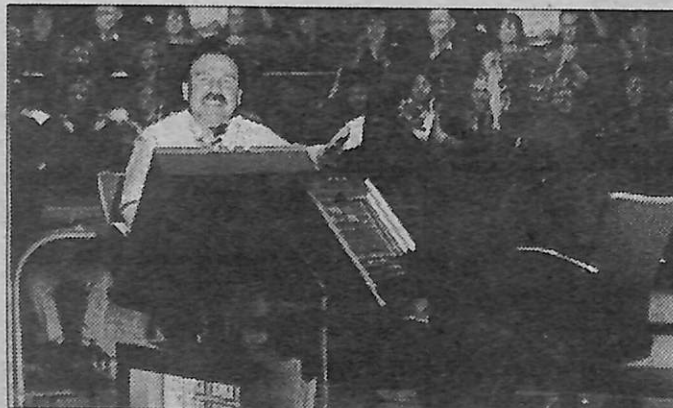
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